AT&T-Oklahoma
Notice of Approved Area Code Overlay for 918 Area Code
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Attention: Oklahoma Payphone Service Providers

To ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers, the Oklahoma Corporation Commission has approved the addition of the 539 area code to the geographic region currently served by 918. The 918 NPA generally covers the eastern portion of the state and serves communities such as Bartlesville, Clayton, Cushing, Fairfax, McAlester, Miami, Muskogee, Okemah, Poteau, Sallisaw, Tahlequah and Tulsa. The new 539 NPA will serve the same geographic area served by the existing 918 NPA. This is known as an area code overlay.

What is an Area Code Overlay?

An overlay is the addition of another area code (539) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (918). An overlay does not require customers to change their existing area code or phone number.

Who will be affected?

Because of the addition of the 539 area code, all customers within the 918/539 geography will need to dial the area code followed by the 7-digit telephone number when dialing all local calls.

How does this affect Payphone Service Providers?

To complete local calls from a **landline phone**, the new dialing procedure requires callers to dial the full 10-digit telephone number. This means that calls from the 918 area code that are currently dialed with 7-digits will need to be dialed using the **area code + 7-digit telephone number**.

However, long distance calls will remain the same. Callers need to dial **1+ area code + 7-digit telephone number** whenever placing a long distance call from the 918 or 539 area code. Signage displayed on pay telephones in the 918 area code should be updated to reflect the new dialing procedure.

When Will the Change Begin?

Effective **August 7, 2010**, your customers should begin using the new dialing procedure whenever placing a local call from the 918 area code. If your customers forget and use the old dialing procedure of dialing just 7-digits, the call will still be completed.

Effective **March 5, 2011**, your customers **must** use the new dialing procedure for all local calls. After this date, if your customers do not use the new dialing procedure, their calls will not be completed, and a recording will provide instructions on how to redial their call.

Payphone signage changes should take place between **August 7, 2010** and **Mach 5, 2011**. This period allows either the old or new dialing procedure to be used to complete these calls. All Payphone Service Providers should complete their signage changes during this period.

Effective **April 1, 2011,** new telephone lines or services may be assigned numbers with the 534 area code.

What Will Remain the Same?

- Your telephone number, which includes your area code, will remain the same.
- The price of a call, local and long-distance calling areas and other rates and services will not change as a result of the area code overlay.
- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 911.
- If the 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811 numbers are currently available in your community, you will still dial them with just three digits.

Any questions may be directed to the Payphone Service Provider Account Team.

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