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Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for writing; we will file your comments in the case and we are listening to your input. This is a difficult question, and as you know the proponents of the 10 digit dialing plan are many and articulate. One fact that increases the complexity of the issue is that any geographic split solution would, of necessity, produce a lot more 10-digit local dialing in the region anyway, because of the proliferation of extended area service calling plans.

You are obviously very well informed on this matter, and I'm sure you know we had hearings in Greensboro yesterday and the day before to hear from the public and from the telecommunications industry.

Best regards,
Jo Anne Sanford

(Geneva, please file in docket)

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Jo Anne Sanford, 07:05 AM 3/15/01 , Re: New Area Code

Cc: thigpen@ncucmail.commerce.state.nc.us
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Regarding the prospect of a new area code for the Golden Triad and the proposition that the "overlay" plan is considered to be the most popular. How could anyone consider dialing 10 digits to be popular, safe or sane. I've lived in a city where that was required and it was a night mare. How confusing that will be to children and senior citizens. How much of a waste of time that will be to anyone as they try to determine which area code their next door neighbor has. How much of a waste of money it will be to reprint business cards, letter heads and promotional material. Read our lips -- WE DON'T WANT 10 DIGITS. We really don't want a new area code either, 4 area codes in eight years is too many. Why can't the NC Utilities Commission do like Latin America? All cell phones, pagers and data lines are a different area code. Dialing to them requires using the area code. Dialing from a cell phone to a land line requires using the area code. (pagers and data lines don't dial out) Dialing from phone to phone, or cell to cell does not require an area code. One of the benefits of that plan is that you know when you are calling a cell phone or if you receiving a call from a cell phone. This plan would free up just as many numbers without increasing cost or frustration to the consumer and would save the state thousand of dollars.

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