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## COMMISSION PUTS 315 AREA CODE RELIEF ON HOLD

— Reason: Demand for Telephone Numbers Slows Due to Economy —

Albany, NY—06/15/09—The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) announced today it was putting on hold its proceeding to determine how best to create an additional area code in the 315 area code region.

The Commission instituted the proceeding in December 2007 to investigate and evaluate options for making additional telephone numbers available in the 315 area code. However, subsequent updates by North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the entity designated by the Federal Communications Commission to administer area codes throughout the United States, indicate the area code will not exhaust as quickly as initially predicted.

NANPA initially advised the Commission and Staff of the Department of Public Service that the 315 area code, serving all or part of 18 northern and central New York counties, would run out of assignable telephone numbers by the third quarter of 2010. However, primarily due to the slowing of the economy, the exhaust date estimated by NANPA has now been extended until the first quarter of 2013.

As a result of the most recent NANPA update, the Commission announced it would be best if the proceeding was held in abeyance until such time as the facts and circumstances indicate a more immediate need for area code relief. The Director of the Office of Telecommunications will periodically advise the Commission of future 315 forecasts to assure an orderly process for addressing the needs of the region.

The Commission's notice issued today may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) and entering Case Number 07-C-1486 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission orders may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500).