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**CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS ON OVERLAY OF
213 AREA CODE IN 323 REGION IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

SAN FRANCISCO, September 2, 2015 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold public meetings in Southern California to inform the public that the 213 area code will be added to the region that is now served by the 323 area code in order to ensure the availability of numbers.

The public will have the opportunity to hear about the area code overlay and make comment at the following meetings:

Local Jurisdiction Meetings

- Sept. 8, 2015, 10 a.m., South Gate City Council Chambers, 8650 California Ave., South Gate, 90280
- Sept. 8, 2015, 2 p.m., Junipero Serra State Building, Carmel Room, 1st Floor, 320 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, 90013

Public Meetings

- Sept. 9, 2015, 10 a.m., Junipero Serra State Building, Carmel Room, 1st Floor, 320 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, 90013
- Sept. 9, 2015, 2 p.m., South Pasadena City Council Chambers, 1414 Mission St., South Pasadena, 91030
- Sept. 9, 2015, 7 p.m., South Pasadena Public Library, 1115 El Centro St., South Pasadena, 91030
- Sept. 10, 2015, 2 p.m., Memorial Branch Library, 4625 W. Olympic Blvd., Los Angeles, 90019

The 323 area code serves largely the City of Los Angeles, as well as neighboring cities and unincorporated portions of Los Angeles County. The 213 area code serves the downtown portion of Los Angeles. The CPUC is embarking on a process to introduce the 213 area code to the region that

is now served by the 323 area code. This area code overlay is being done because the 323 area code is expected to use up all the available prefixes by March 2018. Adding the 213 area code as an overlay to the 323 area will provide additional prefixes and ensure new telephone numbers are available for the 323 area code customers. It is customary to introduce another area code at least six months before the existing area code will use up all of its prefixes. Therefore, the 213 will be added to the 323 by November 2017.

The CPUC welcomes your participation and comments at these meetings. If you are unable to attend these meetings, you may submit written comments to the CPUC Public Advisor's Office at 320 W. 4th St., Suite 500, Los Angeles, CA 90013, at the CPUC's website www.cpuc.ca.gov/323areacode, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Additionally, you may call the Area Code Hotline for more information at 866-340-6147.

The 323 area code was created when it was split off of the 213 area code in June 1998. The 213 area code was created in 1947 as one of the original three area codes in the state. There is a shortage of telephone number prefixes in the 323 area code due to a combination of new technologies, increased consumer demand, and new local service providers.

If you require accessibility assistance at these meetings, such as a sign language interpreter, please contact the CPUC Public Advisor's Office five business days prior to the meeting you are planning to attend toll free at 866-849-8390 or toll free TTY at 866-836-7825.

For more information, please visit www.cpuc.ca.gov/323areacode.

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