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New York State PSC Invites Public Comments

The New York State Public Service Commission is inviting public comments on a proposal by Staff of the Department of Public Service, to implement a new area code for Suffolk County by means of an overlay. The overlay option means that one new area code would be used throughout Suffolk County for all new telecommunications services, while existing phone numbers would not be affected. Comments may be submitted to the Secretary of the Department on or before November 7, 2014.

The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) has advised the Commission that the 631 area code is anticipated to run out of assignable telephone numbers in the first quarter of 2016. As a result, the Commission is required to determine how a new area code should be implemented to meet this need. After obtaining public input and considering all possible options, Staff of the Department on October 2, 2014 recommended an overlay solution. Before considering the Staff recommendation, the Commission is inviting additional public input on this issue.

Further information is available on the Department's website: www.dps.ny.gov. **Internet or Mail:** In addition to the formal hearings, comments may be sent electronically to the Secretary, at secretary@dps.ny.gov, or mailed or delivered to Hon. Kathleen H. Burgess, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Your comments should refer to "Case 14-C-0182 - 631 Area Code Relief."

Toll-free Opinion Line: Comments may also be submitted through the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is designed to take comments about pending cases from in-state callers, 24 hours a day. Callers should press "1" to leave comments, mentioning the Comcast/Time Warner merger.