

Public Utility Commission of Texas

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Public meeting date for new Texas area code 737 overlay planned within current 512 territory

Central Texas telephone customers within the 512 area code are encouraged to comment on a plan to add the 737 area code to the 512 territory. The new area code is needed to handle regional growth along with the added demand for new wireless phone numbers and business landlines.

The Public Utility Commission (PUC) will host a public meeting in Austin on Thursday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room on the seventh floor of the Travis Building located at 1701 N. Congress Avenue.

Area code 512 serves Travis, Williamson, Hays, Burnet, Lampasas, Caldwell, Bastrop, Lee, Milam, Mills, Coryell, San Saba, Bell, Fayette, Guadalupe, Comal, Blanco, Llano and Bureson counties. A coverage map is on the next page.

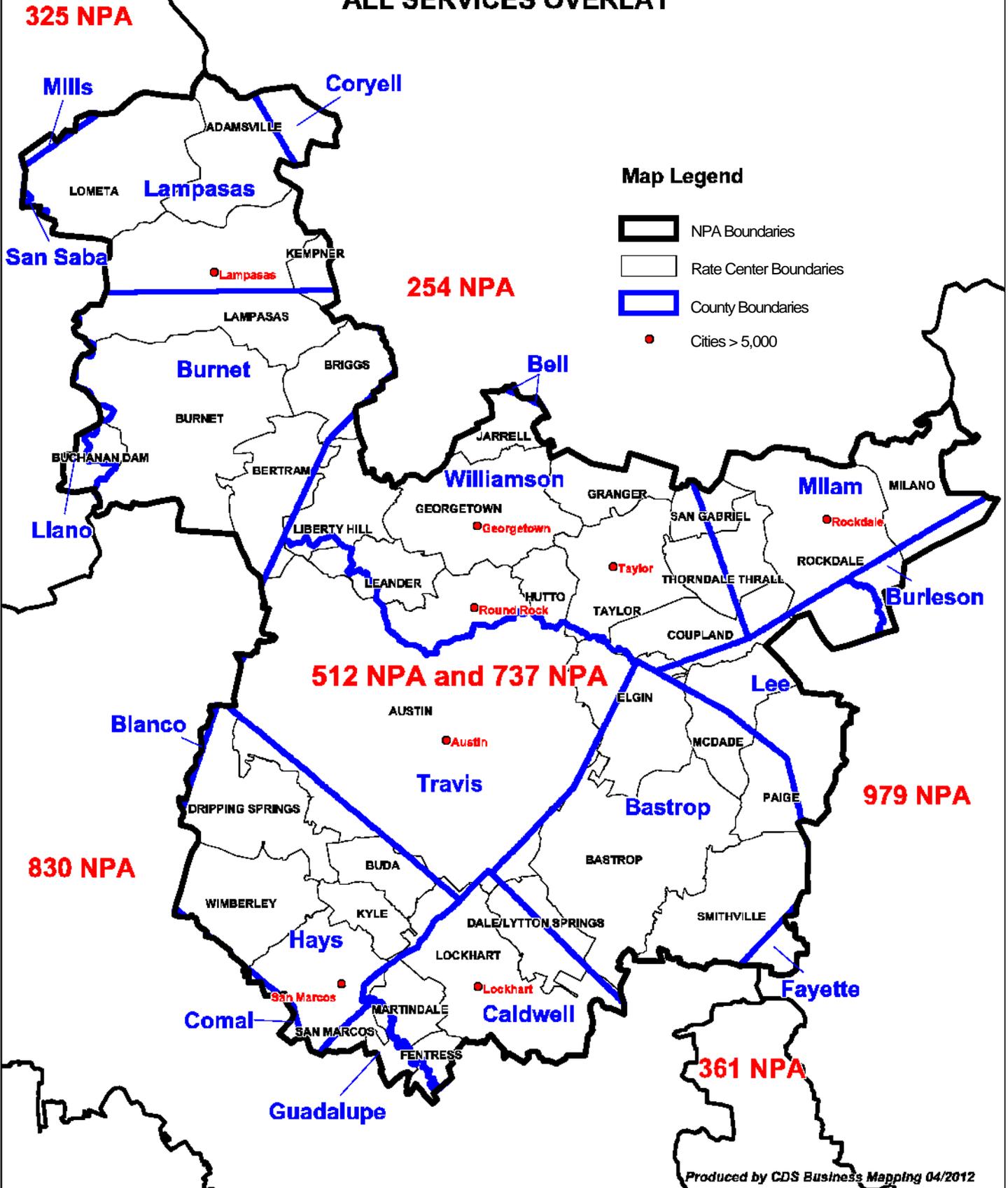
The planned all services overlay means current customers in the 512 area code will get to keep their 512 numbers. New customers could be assigned either the 737 or the 512 area code. All customers would be required to dial 10 digits for all local calls and 11 digits for long distance.

The remaining available numbers in the 512 area code are forecast to last until late 2013. The plan calls for a permissive six-month period of either seven or 10-digit dialing from December 2012 through May 2013. Mandatory 10-digit dialing is scheduled to begin in June 2013 followed by activation of the 737 area code in July 2013.

Persons planning to attend this meeting who have disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should notify the Commission as far in advance as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests can be made by mail, telephone or in person to the Commission's Office of Customer Protection, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701 phone number (512) 936-7150 or (512) 936-7136 for the teletypewriter (TTY) for the deaf.

Persons unable to attend the public meeting can contact the PUC by calling 1-888-782-8477 (1-888-PUC-TIPS) toll-free, or by e-mailing the PUC at: areacode@puc.state.tx.us. They can write to the PUC at: PUC Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326.

ALL SERVICES OVERLAY



Map Legend

- NPA Boundaries
- Rate Center Boundaries
- County Boundaries
- Cities > 5,000