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RE: *Midvale Telephone re: Granite Mountain Exchange Extended Area Service  
Docket No. T-02532A-03-0039*

Dear Karen:

Thank you for your letter of January 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the issue of a 480 area code for the above-referenced exchange. I first wanted to make sure that you understood that my letter was in no way intended to imply that Midvale was against switching to a 480 area code. It was simply intended to clarify whether Midvale was seeking a change to a 480 area code. Based on the many calls that I had received, the residents of this community are under the impression that this was the case; however, I could find no reference to such a request in your January 5, 2003 letter.

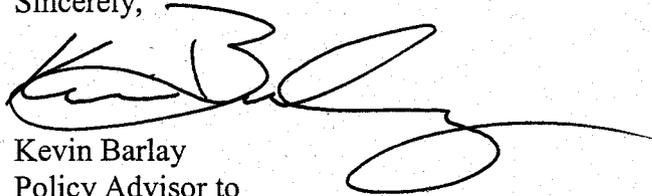
As you pointed out in that letter, Staff continues to maintain that Midvale needs to take some action in this matter and I would assume that the letter was intended to be a catalyst for making the change, while not being a formal application. I have docketed your most recent letter in hopes that it will satisfy Staff's position that Midvale take some action to request a 480 area code change before the Commission can consider it for review.

Finally, I take issue with a comment you made in the January 27<sup>th</sup> letter in which you state, "These residents have gone without phones for too long, and the Commission ought to be making it easier to accommodate than rather more difficult". Although I can agree that the process may not have been exactly clear as to the proper procedure to follow in order to bring about the changes requested by the community in this exchange, Midvale's continued position of shifting the burden on the Commission to unilaterally make these changes is equally to blame for its delay. You are correct in stating these are matters for the Commission to decide, but as with the vast majority of issues that come before the Commission, it is incumbent upon an applicant, in this case Midvale, to request these changes.

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I will continue to work with our Staff to assist in anyway I can to help bring these changes to fruition, and I am hopeful that Midvale will continue as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Barlay', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin Barlay  
Policy Advisor to  
Commissioner Irvin