

RESOLUTION No. 2001.13
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LAPORTE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1999, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) issued an Order initiating an investigation pursuant to Indiana Code §§ 8-1-2-58 and 59 and authority delegated to the Commission by the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") to consider the generic issue of the projected exhaustion of allocable telephone numbers within the various numbering plan areas (NPAs) within the state of Indiana, with the initial focus to be upon the present and projected status of the 219 NPA, and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2001 a majority of the IURC found that a 3-way geographic split to be the most appropriate area code relief for the 219 NPA, and

WHEREAS, on the same date a majority of the IURC found a 3-way geographic split to be in the best interest of the public to the present 219 NPA, and

WHEREAS, further the IURC found that the existing guidelines generally applied to determine which of the three created NPAs would retain the existing 219 area code, including rate center distribution, demographics and population density, access lines, wireless codes assigned, and relative size of the areas, were insufficiently determinative, and

WHEREAS, the IURC determined that fairness required that this issue would be resolved by the drawing of lots, and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. EST, the public drawing of lots was held, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the lot drawing the LaPorte County was divided into two different area codes, and

WHEREAS, it was determined by the drawing of lots Michigan City, Wanatah, and LaCrosse would retain the 219 area code and the rest of LaPorte County would be place into the new 754 area code, and