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Abstract

Provides notification of date for the split of the 617 NPA and introduction of the new 508 NPA in Massachusetts.

Substantial telephone number growth in Massachusetts necessitates the splitting of the existing 617 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) and the introduction of the new 508 NPA. The 617 NPA code will continue to be used in metropolitan Boston and the immediate adjacent communities including Cambridge, Waltham and Quincy. The new 508 NPA will embrace the remaining territory including the cities of Brockton, Lawrence, Lowell and Worcester. The attached map illustrates the new NPA configuration as it will appear after the split.

We have been advised by New England Telephone that the split is scheduled for 2:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time, Saturday, July 16, 1988. In addition, to minimize adverse impacts upon call completions, New England Telephone has advised that either 617 or 508 NPAs will be accepted in a called address until 2:00 A.M., Eastern Daylight Time, Saturday, October 15, 1988. On that date, the permissive dialing period will terminate, and calls that are destined for the 617 NPA or 508 NPA must be dialed and routed with the correct NPA or the calls will be routed to intercept.

Local exchange routing change information regarding the 617/508 split will be incorporated into the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) and should be available approximately three months prior to the cutover.

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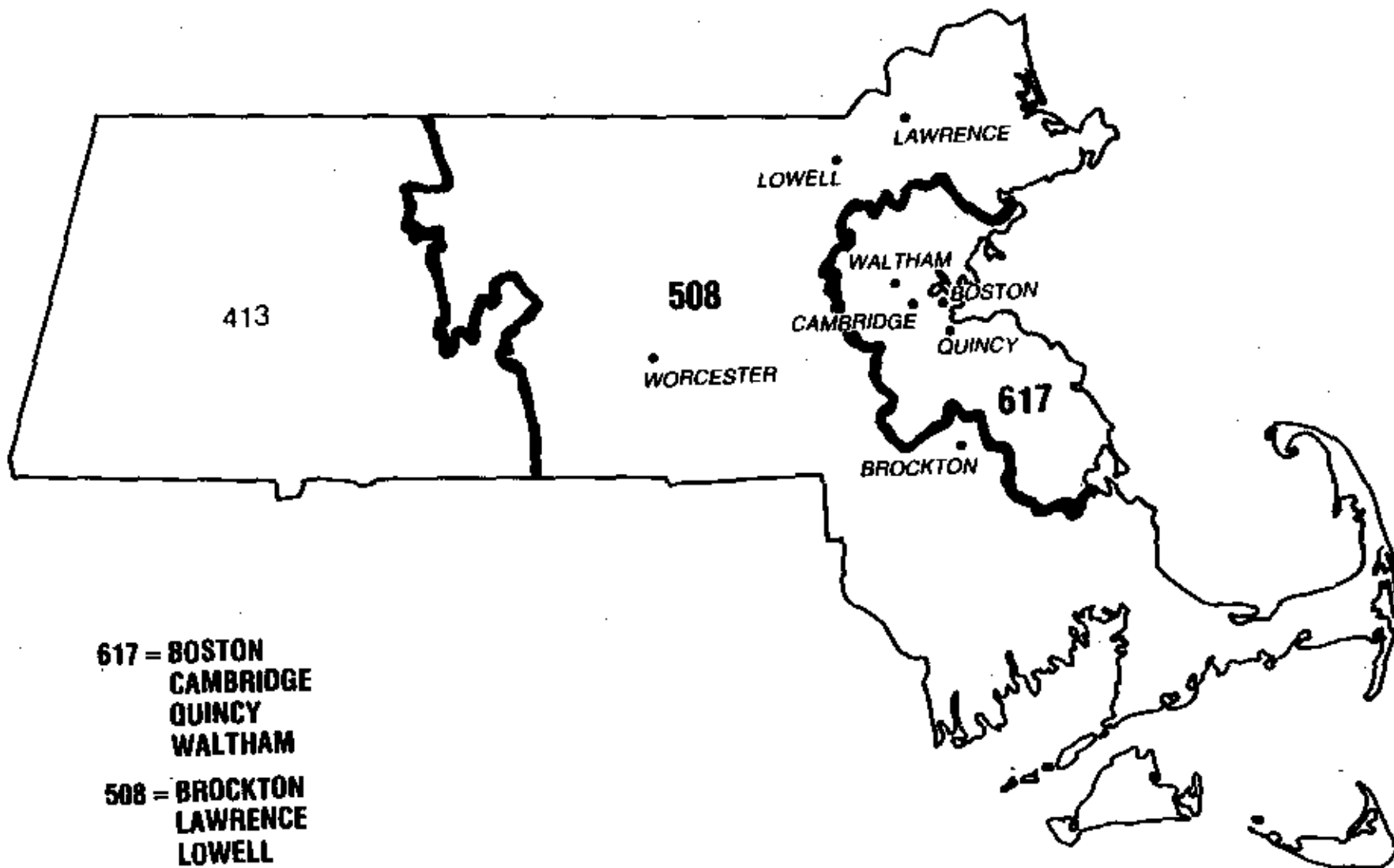
Copies of this letter are being forwarded to achieve the widest possible industry distribution. Questions on the 617/508 split may be referred to Mr. Paul Shaughnessy, New England Telephone at (617) 879-9860, or Mr. R. J. Cooper, Bellcore, at (201) 740-4614.



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Attachment

**MASSACHUSETTS 617/508 NPA SPLIT
EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 1988**



- 617 = BOSTON
CAMBRIDGE
QUINCY
WALTHAM**
- 508 = BROCKTON
LAWRENCE
LOWELL
WORCESTER**