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> From: Greg and Rhonda
> Sent: Monday, October 9, 2000 7:27 PM
> To: Petrie, Joanne <OST>
> Subject: Comments on Mercer County Time Zone

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> Hi, my name is Rhonda Obrigewitch and I live in Mercer County in Beulah,
> ND. I was unable to attend the meeting that was held in Beulah concerning
> the time zone change. My vote is to change our county to the Central time
> zone. I am the mother of 3 children and we've been referred several times
> to Bismarck which is 80 miles for different specialist that our local
> physicians couldn't treat. It's always confusing to remember who's time
> our appt. is under, and for different procedures it has meant leaving with
> small children at 5 or 6 AM Mt. to be in Bismarck for that early appt.
> Also, I work out of the home and I am home at 5:30p.m. which is after the
> local news which is on from 5-5:30 and then with small children our
> evenings are very busy so by the time we get everything done and are able
> to turn on the T.V. all we are able to watch is the last 10 min. of the
> local news which is on from 9-9:30. So, basically we never get to see
> what's happening in our state. It would be nice if we were on central
> time where the news airs at 6pm and 10pm. I work at the dental office in
> Beulah and I don't know how many people regularly are showing up at the
> wrong time from either working on central time and living in Mt.time or
> because they come from a neighboring county on central time. A large
> number of people that live in this area work on central time because their
> main office is located in Bismarck in central time. I'm required by the
> State of N.D. to have continuing education every year and all of the
> meetings are in Bismarck, Minot, Fargo or Grand Forks and it also would be
> more convenient to be on the same time zone. Our school system is
> another concern of mine. If my children decide to be in extra activities
> of any sort they will be traveling to almost all schools located in the
> central time zone, which will mean leaving on extra hour earlier to make
> up for traveling into central time. I would rather have them in the
> classroom that extra hour vs. on the road. For our family and community
> it would be nice to be on the same time zone as our news, specialists in
> healthcare, airports, buses, railway, shopping, and schools that our
> children are traveling to.

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> Thank-you for your time,
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> Rhonda Obrigewitch
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