

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041361
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AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF)	ORDER NO. 01
THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
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For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., (“AT&T”) requested on July 28, 2004, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., (NeuStar), to provide three blocks in the Bellevue rate center. AT&T’s end-user customer is reorganizing, and the portion of the company splitting off from the parent company wants to keep its identical station numbers. AT&T requests the 5XXX, 6XXX, and 8XXX block in a prefix ending in “6” (i.e. 425-XX6). AT&T commits to returning spare numbering resources after this rearrangement.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2 (1) On December 28, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order establishing a “safety valve” allowing carriers that do not meet the utilization threshold in a given rate center to obtain additional numbering resources apart from the general waiver process. (*In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket 99-200, FCC No. 01-362, ¶¶ 57-66.) Specifically, the FCC granted to state commissions the authority to direct the Pooling Administrator (NeuStar) to release a block of numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that cannot be met with the

carrier's current inventory. (*Id.* ¶ 64).

- 3 (2) The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to
RCW 80.36.610, which gives the Commission authority to take actions
necessary to implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 4 (3) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing
resources are forecasted to exhaust within six months. [47 CFR
52.15(g)(3)(iii)].
- 5 (4) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of approximately
300 prefixes in NPA 425 , and an exhaust date of first quarter of 2029.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on August 25, 2004.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) NeuStar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release three blocks
of 1,000 numbers, specifically the 5XXX, 6XXX, and 8XXX blocks in a
prefix ending in "6" (425-XX6) in the Bellevue rate center to AT&T
Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc.
- 8 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future
actions as may be appropriate.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the
public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 25th day of August, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary