

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051181
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest or Company) requested on August 3, 2005, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide one number code in the 425 area code, Bellevue rate center. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the Bellevue rate center does not meet the special needs of a specific large customer. The customer requires the numbers in September of 2005. Qwest submitted a request to the Pooling Administrator for additional numbering resources in the rate center, however, the request was denied as Qwest did not meet the utilization threshold. Qwest needs a code that does not start or end with a "0", "1", or "9" due to the customer's system limitations. The customer anticipates releasing a substantial number of direct inward dial numbers within the year due to transition. Qwest provided the Commission with the customer request and proof of utilization in the rate center.

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 numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that can not 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 81 blocks
available of 1,000 numbers in the Bellevue rate center, and indicates that
the exhaust of area code 425 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2030.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on August 17, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as Pooling Administrator, to release one number code
in the Bellevue rate center, area code 425 to Qwest Corporation.
- 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 17th day of August, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary