

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-050542
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VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	ORDER NO. 01
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For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 Verizon Northwest Inc., (Verizon or Company) requested on April 6, 2005, that the Commission overturns the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide one ten thousand number code in the 425 NPA, Halls Lake exchange.

- 2 The new code will be used to provision services to the Edmonds School District for implementing the E9-1-1 plan throughout the District. The Edmonds School District's plan is to meet the state and federal requirements for E9-1-1 services; to implement that plan, a block of 10,000 direct inward dial (DID) numbers is required. Based on the school's numbering, the District can not have a 0, 8, or 9 as the sixth digit and needs a new block of numbers in Verizon's Central Office in Edmonds, Washington.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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).

- 4 (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.
- 5 (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)].
- 6 (4) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of 72 blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Halls Lake exchange, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 425 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2029.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release one code in the Halls Lake Exchange, in the 425 NPA to Verizon Northwest Inc.
- 9 (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 27th day of April, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary