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Ms. Carole Washburn,
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Transportation Commission
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Attention: Dave Dittmore
RE: Docket UT-031527, Request for Additional Numbering Resources

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Qwest Corporation (Qwest) respectfully requests Commission concurrence with regard to the issuance of additional numbering resources in Qwest's Tacoma rate center.

Qwest is requesting from NeuStar/NANPA, the Washington number pooling administrator, four (4) blocks of numbers in the 253 area code to meet the special needs of a customer in the Tacoma rate center (Tacoma Juniper switch). Specifically, Qwest requests the 2, 4, 6 and 8 block from the same prefix.

On September 23, 2003, Qwest requested Commission concurrence for two blocks of telephone numbers in the Tacoma rate center to serve this customer. On October 22, 2003, the Commission issued an order granting Qwest's waiver request. Since assigning these blocks, it has been determined that the customer cannot use numbers from a prefix with a "1" in the second digit. In addition, the customer now requires 2,000 additional telephone numbers. Qwest can not provide the requested numbers in this rate center at this time.

Qwest submitted a request to NeuStar for additional numbering resources in the above referenced rate center. However, this request was denied as Qwest did not meet the months to exhaust threshold.

In its Second Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allowed for a waiver of the rules when there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers, such as a specific customer request. *FCC*

Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 00-429, ¶186, released December 29, 2000. The FCC then delegated authority to the State Commissions to grant requests for additional numbering resources in its Third Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization:

. . . and we delegate authority to state commissions to hear claims that a safety valve should be applied when the NANPA or Pooling Administrator denies a specific request for numbering resources [footnote omitted]. . . We also clarify that states may grant requests by carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds their available inventory.

We therefore clarify that states may also grant relief if a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory.

FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 01-362, ¶¶61 and 64, released December 28, 2001.

The FCC further stated that companies applying for a waiver of the utilization threshold must provide the Commission with the customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center. (Customer request and proof of utilization are attached.)

Qwest respectfully requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission direct NeuStar/NANPA to provide four (4) blocks of numbers (the 2, 4, 6 and 8 blocks in the same prefix) to Qwest in the 253 area code, Tacoma rate center. If the waiver is granted, the customer will return the previous two blocks (253-617-2 / 253-617-4) to Qwest, who will in-turn return the blocks to the Pooling Administrator after proper aging.

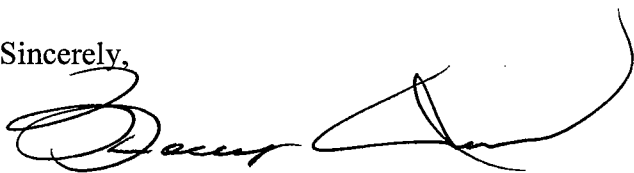
The directive should be mailed to:

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Some of the information provided is considered CONFIDENTIAL by Qwest and is marked as such in accordance with WAC 480-07-160.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please call me on (360) 754-3241 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Holly Dean

Attachments