

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UT-080848
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INTEGRA TELECOM,)	ORDER 01
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For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING NUMBERING
Numbering Resources)	RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 Integra Telecom, (Integra or Company) requested on May 15, 2008, that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) overturn the North American Numbering Plan Administrator’s (NANPA or Numbering Administrator) decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Number Pooling Administrator (Neustar, Inc.) to grant a waiver of the numbering administration guidelines so that it may request one block of 1,000 numbers for the Battle Ground School District. The one block request is for the 360 NPA, Battleground rate center. Integra requests the 1000 to 1999 block or 1000 to 2999, 7000 to 7999, or 8000 to 8999. The Battle Ground School District intends to use the block of numbers for individual classrooms and administrative offices. The blocks identified will work best for the delivery of 911 and Caller Identification (Caller ID) services to the classrooms. The allocation of the requested number resources is necessary for community interests, safety, education growth and development. The 360 NPA is forecasted to exhaust in the fourth quarter 2011. Integra provided the Commission with detailed inventory for number resources and proof of utilization in the rate center. Integra will adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources and comply with the requirements of the FCC’s North American Number Plan Administrator and the Pooling Administrator regarding the return of unused numbers.

- 2 Telephone companies or carriers commonly hold and manage a reasonable inventory of telephone numbers in the areas where they provide service. When more are needed carriers request them from the Numbering Administrator.

- 3 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.¹

¹ *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 (Rel. December 28, 2001).

Specifically, the FCC granted to state Commissions the authority to direct the Number Pooling Administrator to release numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that cannot be met with the carrier's current inventory.²

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is an agency of the State of Washington vested by statute with the authority to regulate the rates, rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including telecommunications companies. *RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.36.*
- 5 (2) Integra Telecom is a telecommunications company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 6 (3) The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the Act) allows the FCC to establish rules to implement the Act and delegate authority to state Commissions.
- 7 (4) The FCC has created a "safety valve" mechanism within the framework of number resource management and delegated to the Commission authority to grant requests by carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds their available inventory. The FCC has also given states some flexibility to direct the Number Pooling Administrator to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources.³
- 8 (5) The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to RCW 80.36.610, which authorizes the Commission to take actions necessary to implement the Act.
- 9 (6) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing resources are forecasted to exhaust within six months.⁴

2 *Id.* ¶ 64.

3 *Id.*, ¶ 61.

4 47 *CFR* 52.15(g)(3)(iii).

- 10 (7) The Number Pooling Administrator's Web site indicates that the exhaust of NPA 360 is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2011.
- 11 (8) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 28, 2008.
- 12 (9) The allocation of the requested number resources will improve delivery of 911 and Caller Identification (Caller ID) services to area classrooms and is necessary for community interests, education growth and development in the Battle Ground area. The Commission, therefore, finds the petition consistent with the public interest.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 13 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Number Pooling Administrator, to release one block of numbers in the Battle Ground rate center to Integra Telecom in the 1000 to 1999 block or 1000 to 2999, or 7000 to 7999, or 8000 to 8999 number range.
- 14 (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 Executive Director and Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective June 26, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary