BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request of	)	DOCKET UT-070393
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QWEST CORPORATION,	)	ORDER 01
	)	
For Assignment of Telephone Number	)	ORDER ASSIGNING NUMBERING
Resources	)	RESOURCES
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BACKGROUND

1   Qwest Communications (Qwest or Company) requested on February 27, 2007, that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Pooling Administrator to provide a one thousand number block in the 360 area code, Port Angeles rate center. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the rate center does not satisfy the requirement for the customer's specialized internal dialing plan. Qwest's customer specifically requested a one thousand block that ends in either a "2" or a "6." The Qwest customer is expanding operations and needs 700 new numbers. Qwest will place the remaining three hundred numbers into the company's existing number pool for other customers to use. Qwest submitted a request to the Pooling Administrator for additional numbering resources in the rate center, however, the request was denied as the serving central office does not meet the utilization level established by the FCC.

2   The Pooling Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., will only accept an exception request with a waiver from the Commission. The Commission investigated the Company's request in order to address number conservation measures in the area code and found no reason to disapprove it. Qwest will adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources and the Company will comply with the requirements of the FCC's North American Number Plan Administrator and Pooling Administrator regarding the return of unused numbers. Qwest provided the Commission with the customer's request, responded to extensive Commission information requests, and provided detailed inventory for number resources and proof of utilization in the rate center. The FCC granted state commissions the authority to direct the Pooling Administrator to release numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that can not be met with the carrier's current inventory. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and authority to take action.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

3   (1)   On December 28, 2001, the 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]
                  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.[2]

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.

6   (4)   The 360 area code is projected to exhaust in the first quarter of 2010.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

7   (1)   Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, may release a one thousand
                  number block that ends in either a "2" or "6" in the Port Angeles rate center, area
                  code 360, to Qwest Communications.

8   (2)   The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as
                  may be appropriate.

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[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 (2000), ¶¶57-66).*

[2] *Id. at 64.*

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 April 27, 2007.

        WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

                                  CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary