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Via email

Mr. David Danner
Secretary and Executive Director
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: North Bend Rate Center Numbering Waiver

Dear Mr. Danner:

By this letter CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink") is requesting a waiver of the utilization requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open and assign a new one thousands block of numbers that meets the needs of a specific CenturyLink customer.

Specifically, the customer has requested 1000 DID numbers in NPA/NXX-5xxx and assignment of 5 block for the customer's internal dialing plan. The numbers are required to support expansion of a new location in Snoqualmie. The original customer request has been provided with this letter as Confidential Attachment A.

The 425 NPA is forecasted to exhaust in the third quarter of 2032. There are 277 unassigned NXXs in the 425 NPA and no blocks available in the PA pool inventory for the North Bend Rate Center in the format of 425-5xxx which will fulfill the customer request. There will be a return of 700 existing TNs after the new block is received.

In our effort to satisfy the customer's request, CenturyLink submitted a request to PA/NeuStar on January 22, 2013 for additional numbering resources. That application and the subsequent denial have been provided as Confidential Attachment B. In order for the request to be approved, CenturyLink will require a waiver of the current usage threshold for new numbering requests.

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The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is demonstrated need such as a specific customer request for a large block of numbers. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order (“Order”) as the “safety valve” process (See FCC 01-362, ¶¶ 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days. (See ¶¶ 61, 66).

CenturyLink respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of months to exhaust and Rate Center Utilization requirements, and direct PA/NeuStar to open a new NXX in the 425 NPA North Bend Rate Center to accommodate our customer’s request.

All directives can be emailed, faxed or mailed directly to:

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NeuStar, Inc.
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request please contact Rita Schmitz at (608) 796-5600 or rita.schmitz@centurylink.com. We would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/NeuStar.

Sincerely,

Mark Reynolds

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Enclosures