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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Area Code Relief for the 360 Number Plan Area Filed by Lockheed Martin, IMS, for the Washington State Telecommunications Industry in the Form of an Overlay and Creation of the 564 Plan Area

DOCKET NO. UT-990219

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

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In the Matter of the Investigation Into Telephone Number Conservation

DOCKET NO. UT-991627

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("Administrator" or "NANPA"), on behalf of the telecommunications industry, submitted an area code relief plan for the 360 number plan area, which the Commission accepted for implementation on October 13, 1999.

2. The area code relief plan as filed by the Administrator calls for implementation of mandatory 10-digit dialing and introduction of the new 564 overlay area code on July 29, 2000.

3. A reduction from 12 to seven of the maximum number of area code 360 prefixes that may be issued each month would not unreasonably harm the telecommunications industry and would permit delay of mandatory 10-digit dialing and introduction of the 564 overlay area code until at least February 1, 2001.

4. The telecommunications industry, working with the NANPA, should recommend to the Commission a new implementation date for mandatory 10-digit dialing and introduction of the 564 overlay area code, not sooner than February 1, 2001.

5. The Commission should obtain information on how telecommunications companies holding prefixes in the 360 area code are using those prefixes, for the purpose of oversight of the 360 area code relief plan.

6. The Commission has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for authority to order number pooling, and the telecommunications industry in Washington state should be prepared to implement number pooling as soon as possible after the FCC grants such authority.

7. The Washington Exchange Carrier Association, on behalf of the telecommunications industry, should develop a number pooling implementation plan with a specific target implementation date of October 1, 2000, and should submit that plan to the Commission by August 1, 2000. The target date should be used for planning purposes and should not be considered to be a decision by the Commission to implement number pooling on that date.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to RCW 80.36.610, which authorizes the Commission to conduct proceedings and take actions contemplated for action by state commissions under the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 110 Stat. 56 (1996). That Act, as implemented by the Federal Communications Commission, authorizes state commissions to resolve matters involving the introduction of new area codes, including establishing necessary dates for the implementation of area code relief plans. 47 U.S.C. § 251(e)(1); 47 C.F.R. § 52.19(a).

2. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Washington Exchange Carrier Association.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. Each code holder in the 360 area code shall report to the Commission the current utilization of each telephone prefix by March 15, 2000. (Docket No. UT-990219).

2. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator shall modify the 360 area code procedures to reduce the base quantity of prefixes that may be assigned each month from 12 prefixes to seven prefixes. (Docket No. UT-990219).

3. The July 29, 2000, date for implementation of mandatory 10-digit dialing is suspended. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator shall reconvene the 360 area code industry group for the purpose of establishing a new implementation date for mandatory 10-digit dialing. Implementation of mandatory 10-digit dialing shall in no event occur earlier than February 1, 2001. (Docket No. UT-990219).

4. By August 1, 2000, the Washington Exchange Carrier Association shall submit an implementation plan for a number pooling trial within the 360 area code. The plan shall have a target implementation date of October 1, 2000.

5. The Commission retains jurisdiction to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of February, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner