

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-050247
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest or Company) requested on February 16, 2005, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide one block in the Moses Lake rate center, Numbering Plan Area (NPA or area code) 509, and one block in the Centralia rate center, NPA 360. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers available for assignment in the Moses Lake and Centralia switches can not meet the special request of the customer operating in both of these rate centers.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2 (1) On December 28, 2001, 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. (*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.) Specifically, the FCC granted to state commissions the authority to direct the Pooling Administrator (Neustar) to release a block of numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that cannot be met with the carrier's current inventory. (*Id.* ¶ 64).

- 3 (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.
- 4 (3) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing
resources are forecasted to exhaust within six months. [47 CFR
52.15(g)(3)(iii)].
- 5 (4) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of 43 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Moses Lake rate center, and indicates that the
exhaust of NPA 509 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2009. The Pooling
Administrator website reports an inventory of 17 blocks of 1,000 numbers
in the Centralia rate center and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 360 is
scheduled for the third quarter of 2007.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on February 23, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release one block of
1,000 numbers, from the same prefix, specifically the 9XXX block in the
Moses Lake rate center, area code 509, and to release 1,000 numbers, also
from the same prefix, specifically the 9XXX block in the Centralia rate
center, area code 360, to Qwest Corporation.
- 8 (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 Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 23rd day of February, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary