

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

In the Matter of the Request of	)	DOCKET UT-061849
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ESCHELON TELECOM, INC.,	)	ORDER 01
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For Assignment of Telephone Number	)	ORDER ASSIGNING NUMBERING
Resources	)	RESOURCES
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1 Eschelon Telecom, Inc., (Eschelon or Company) requested on December 14, 2006, that the Commission grant a waiver of the numbering administration guidelines and direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Pooling Administrator to release the 253-893-9XXX, 425-264-9XXX and 509-853-1XXX number blocks to Eschelon. Eschelon’s inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the Kent, Renton and Yakima rate centers do not satisfy the numbering administration guidelines for additional numbers.
- 2 On November 29, 2006, Eschelon Telecom, Inc. (Eschelon) discovered that it was using as some of its LRNs (local routing numbers) telephone numbers from 1000-number blocks that it had donated back to the numbering pool in 2004. Eschelon’s LRNs for the Kent, Renton (Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc.) and Yakima (Advanced TelCom, Inc.) rate centers are in the following blocks: 253-893-9XXX, 425-264-9XXX and 509-853-1XXX. Eschelon is not quite at exhaust and needs a waiver of the numbering exhaust requirements from the Utilities and Transportation Commission. The Pooling Administrator will only accept an exception request with a waiver from the Commission. Eschelon will adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources and comply with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission’s North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) and PA regarding the return of numbers not utilized. Eschelon provided the Commission with background information and proof of utilization in the rate center.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

- 3 (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 numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that can not be met with the carrier's current inventory. (*Id.* ¶ 64).

- 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. [*47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iii)*].
- 6 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on December 27, 2006.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release these three number blocks, 253-893-9XXX, 425-264-9XXX and 509-853-1XXX, to Eschelon Telecom, Inc.
- 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 December 27, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary