

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

In the Matter of the Request of	)	DOCKET UT-081471
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VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. ,	)	ORDER 02
	)	
An Extension of Number Block	)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
Activation Deadline	)	OF ACTIVATION DEADLINE FOR A
	)	BLOCK OF NUMBERS
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**BACKGROUND**

1 On April 15, 2009, Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon NW or Company) requested an extension of the number block activation deadline, as assigned by the Pooling Administrator (PA or Neustar, Inc.). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires number blocks be activated within six months of assignment to assure effective use of numbering resources. State commissions may grant a one-time extension of the FCC requirement of up to six months if the failure to activate was beyond the control of the company; otherwise for ninety days if the company states a reason for not activating the numbers and provides a date certain by which activation will occur. (*FCC Order on Number Resource Optimization*, First Report and Order CC Docket 00-104, March 31, 2000, ¶ 233).

2 Verizon NW did not place its thousand-number block 425-622-9 in service by its activation deadline of April 19, 2009, because the company had been experiencing system difficulties that prevented the completion of service orders and activation of numbers. The company does not claim this reason was beyond its control. Since the time of the request for the extension, the company has completed the required system work to allow the activation of numbers and is now able to assign numbers. Granting the extension of the activation deadline is in the public interest.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

3 (1) FCC rules dictate number block holders activate thousand-number blocks within six months of assignment. State commissions may grant a one-time extension, not to exceed ninety (90) days, provided that the requester states a reason for the request and provides a date certain for activation. (*FCC Order on Number*

*Resource Optimization*, First Report and Order CC Docket 00-104, March 31, 2000, ¶ 233. See also footnote 555.)

- 4 (2) The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to [RCW 80.36.610](#), which authorizes the Commission to take actions necessary to implement the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 5 (3) Verizon Northwest Inc. has filed an extension request with the Commission for number block 425-622-9, which had an assigned effective date of April 19, 2009. Verizon stated the reason for the delay and offered to activate immediately.
- 6 (4) The deadline extension request is within the Commission's statutory authority and consistent with the public interest because Verizon Northwest Inc. has completed its system programming and is able to assign number resources in the Everett rate center.
- 7 (5) The Commission finds the activation deadline for number block 425-622-9 should be extended until July 30, 2009.

## ORDER

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Verizon Northwest Inc. s request for an extension of the activation deadline for number block 425-622-9, filed on April 15, 2009, is granted, and the deadline for activation is extended to July 30, 2009.
- 9 (2) Verizon Northwest Inc. must adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources and comply with the requirements of the FCC's North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) and the Pooling Administrator (PA) regarding the return of numbers.
- 10 (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as may be appropriate.

The Commissioners have delegated authority to the Executive Director and Secretary to enter this Order pursuant to [RCW 80.01.030](#) and [WAC 480-07-904\(1\)\(g\)](#).

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 30, 2009.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DAVID W. DANNER, Executive Director and Secretary