

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-031527
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 02
)	
For a Waiver for Assignment of)	
Numbering Resources)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest) notified the Commission on September 23, 2003, that due to numbering limitations of one customer in the Tacoma rate center, it would need two blocks of 1,000 numbers. Their end user had existing numbers in their PBX from five different prefixes, and wished to simplify their numbering system. On October 22, 2003 the Commission ordered the Pooling Administrator to release 253-617-2XXX and 253-617-6XXX to Qwest.

- 2 While preparing to transition to these new numbering resources, the end user determined that their PBX could not use prefixes with either "0" or "1" in the second position. Thus Qwest has returned to modify their original waiver request, to ask for different number groups. In addition, the end user has forecasted additional number use, and now requests four blocks of numbers. Qwest has agreed to return the two blocks previously granted. Qwest now requests 253-958-2XXX, 253-958-4XXX, 253-958-6XXX and 253-958-8XXX.

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 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).

- 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) The Pooling Administration website reports an inventory of 127 blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Tacoma rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 206 is scheduled for the third quarter of 2014.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 31, 2004.

ORDER

8 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release four blocks of 1,000 numbers, specifically 253-958-2XXX, 253-958-4XXX, 253-958-6XXX and 253-958-8XXX in the Tacoma rate center to Qwest Corporation.

- (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 31st day of March, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary