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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of Area Code Relief for)	DOCKET NO. UT-990219
the 360 Number Plan Area Filed by)	
Lockheed Martin, IMS, for the)	
Washington State Telecommunications)	ORDER IMPLEMENTING AREA
Industry in the Form of an Overlay)	CODE RELIEF PLAN
and Creation of the 564 Plan Area)	
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BACKGROUND

On September 13, 1999, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), Lockheed Martin, IMS, filed with the Commission the final plan to relieve the anticipated shortage of telephone numbers in the current 360 area code. On September 22, 1999, Lockheed Martin, IMS, presented to the Commission the telecommunications industry plan for a new area code, "564", and an overlay implementation proposal to address the projected number exhaust in the "360" number plan area.

MEMORANDUM

Under rules promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission, ten-digit dialing is required for all local calls made within the geographic area where an overlay is implemented. The NANPA final plan establishes February 5, 2000, as the beginning of permissive dialing period for customers in the 360 area to dial ten-digits or seven-digits when placing a local call, and July 29, 2000, as the date on which ten-digit dialing will become mandatory.

Pursuant to the telecommunications industry plan, the Commission will monitor implementation of the area code overlay. The industry will file a quarterly report to include education plans, media and customer correspondence, and implementation progress with the Commission. The industry will additionally provide information on public education plans, and make a demonstration that the industry's plan and spending levels are sufficient to ensure that members of the public will have the information necessary for appropriate telephone number dialing.

The industry will further report on the timely progress of the installation of the additional E911 tandem router switch upgrades that are necessary for prefix (NXX) codes from the new 564 area code to reach emergency services once installed. The industry will work closely with the 911 representatives to assure proper identification of new NPA NXX codes added under the overlay provisions.

The Commission also recommends that the number administrator take steps in NXX (prefix) assignments such that impacts in the rural areas are kept to a minimum. The Commission may request industry representatives and representatives of Lockheed Martin, IMS, to bring information and respond to questions at Commission open public meetings during the implementation period.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lockheed Martin, IMS, is the North American Number Plan Administrator and has authority to make recommendations to address number exhaust and area code expansion.
2. Lockheed Martin, IMS, filed a proposal on behalf of the Washington State telecommunications industry to address projected exhaust of the "360" Number Plan Area.
3. Lockheed Martin, IMS, filed a plan to overlay "564" number plan area over the existing "360" number plan area, with a permissive dialing pattern to begin on February 5, 2000, and a mandatory dialing pattern to begin on July 29, 2000.
4. Lockheed Martin, IMS, filed a plan to overlay "564" number plan area on the "360" number plan area
5. The Commission finds that sufficient information has been provided to show that there is technical capability in the Washington State telecommunications network to complete the plan as proposed.

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. That act, as implemented by the Federal Communications Commission, authorizes state commissions to consider and appropriate action on area code relief plans. 47 U.S.C. §251(e)(1); 47 C.F.R. §52.19(a).
2. The Lockheed Martin, IMS, area code plan as proposed should be accepted.

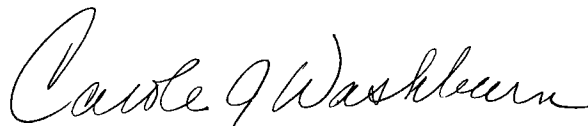
ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The telecommunications industry in Washington must file quarterly reports on the implementation of the overlay area code "564", the first such report to be filed December 1, 1999, and every three months thereafter until implementation is complete.
2. The industry will file information on the public education plan and make a demonstration that the industry's plan and spending level are sufficient to ensure that members of the public will have the information necessary for appropriate telephone number dialing.
3. The industry will file information on the progress of the installation of the E911 tandem router switch upgrades that are necessary for prefix (NXX) codes from the new 564 area code to reach emergency services once installed. The industry will work closely with the 911 representatives to assure proper identification of new NPA NXX codes added under the overlay provisions.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13th day of October, 1999.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary