

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Conservation of)	DOCKET NO. UT-991627
Numbering Resources –)	
)	ORDER APPROVING
VERIZON NORTHWEST, INC.)	ASSIGNMENT OF NUMBERING
.....)	RESOURCES

BACKGROUND

1 On March 31, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC or Commission) the authority to oversee the assignment of Numbering Resources, and the power to grant waivers [Number Resource Optimization, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC No. 00-104, at Appendix A, 47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iv)]. Existing Number Resources within a Rate Center must be forecasted to exhaust within six month, for a new prefix to be assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA).

FINDINGS OF FACT

2 Verizon Northwest, Inc., (Verizon) notified the Commission July 6, 2001, that a large customer in their Kirkland Rate Center would need a complete prefix to rearrange their communications system, and maintain a special five-digit dialing plan on their campus. In connection with this rearrangement, other numbering resources would be returned to Verizon for use. The end-user estimates that the estimated life of this prefix is two years. The Kirkland Rate Center has approximately 85% utilization of numbers, compared to a nationwide average of 50%.

3 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on August 8, 2001. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4 1) 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.

ORDER

- 5 1) The Commission orders that Neustar, Inc., acting as the NANPA, release prefix
425-708 to Verizon Northwest, Inc.
- 6 2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as
may be appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this day of August, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Carole J. Washburn, Secretary