

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ) DOCKET NO. UT-991627  
INVESTIGATION INTO THE ISSUE )  
OF NUMBERING RESOURCES ) COMMISSION ORDER  
 ) APPORTIONING COSTS OF  
 ) POOLING ADMINISTRATOR  
..... ) IN AREA CODE 360

**BACKGROUND**

- 1 This matter arises from the need to implement number conservation in western Washington, resulting from the decreasing available NXX three-number dialing codes, also called number “prefixes,” that has been caused by the growth of competitive local exchange and wireless companies and services such as paging devices and by the utilization of such prefixes.
- 2 On February 23, 2000, the Commission directed the telecommunications industry to develop an implementation plan for a number pooling trial. In response to this directive, the Technical Subcommittee of the Washington Exchange Carrier Association (WECA) submitted its *Generic Pooling Plan for Washington* on September 26, 2000.
- 3 The Commission ordered further delay in the implementation in the overlay of area code 564 over western Washington, until at least October 2002 in its Open Meeting of August 22, 2001. In its deliberations, the Commission recommended that the industry implement number pooling in area code 360, and other conservation measures, to allow additional delay in the overlay.
- 4 On September 14, 2001, the Commission order directed the state's number pooling administrator, Neustar, Inc., to initiate a number pooling trial in all rate centers in area code 360 that have switches capable of local number portability.
- 5 The Commission directed each service provider with prefixes assigned in area code 360 to cooperate with the number pooling administrator in implementing the requirements and to fulfill all service provider responsibilities as set out in the WECA number pooling plan.
- 6 The Commission considered and adopted the allocation mechanism that is used to allocate local number portability (LNP) costs in the 509 area code by Commission Order May, 2001. This method allocates costs among those telecommunications carriers capable of local number portability based on the revenues of the LNP-capable carriers. See 47 CFR § 52.32.

7 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on March 13, 2002. The Commissioners, having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

8 The Commission is an agency of the State of Washington with jurisdiction over the provision of telecommunications services within the state of Washington.

9 Apportionment of pooling administrator costs by revenue among all LNP-capable telecommunications carriers in the 360 area code is a fair and well defined mechanism that is understood by the industry.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

10 The Commission has jurisdiction over the funding of number conservation plans by virtue of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Section 251(e)(1); 47 CFR § 52.19(a); and RCW 80.36.610.

11 The Commission should accept and approve the revenue based allocation mechanism used for local number portability to allocate costs of the pooling administrator in western Washington's area code 360.

12 Based on the Commission's findings of fact in this matter, the Commission concludes the following order to be consistent with the public interest.

### ORDER

13 The Commission directs all telecommunications companies in the state of Washington, acting through North American Pooling Portability Management, LLC, to pay the costs of the pooling administrator in area code 360 based on revenues, as used by the companies to allocate local number portability costs.

14 The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to issue such future orders and take such future action as may be appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary