

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION  
COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Conservation of	)	DOCKET NO. UT-991627
Numbering Resources –	)	
	)	ORDER APPROVING
QWEST CORPORATION	)	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 months, for a new prefix to be assigned by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA).

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest) notified the Commission August 5, 2002, that a large customer in their Tacoma Waverly Rate Center would need a complete prefix due to exhaust of Direct Inward Dial (DID) numbers. The Qwest Tacoma Waverly Central Office has approximately 70% utilization of numbers, compared to a nationwide average of 50%. When Number Pooling becomes available in NPA 253, tentatively scheduled for spring 2003, excess blocks should be returned. NPA 253 is forecast to exhaust its supply of prefixes the third quarter of 2014.

3 This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on August 14, 2002. 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 80.36.610 RCW, 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 North American  
Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), release a prefix in Number Plan Area (NPA)  
253 to Qwest Corporation, for use in its Tacoma Waverly Rate Center.

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 14th day of August, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary