

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 months, 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 October 29, 2001, that a large customer in its Kirkland Rate Center would need a complete prefix to support the implementation of an E911 system, and to prepare for a seven-digit dialing plan on its campus. In connection with this rearrangement, a majority of numbers in prefix 425-936 would be returned to Verizon for use, since those numbers will be incompatible with the upcoming seven-digit dialing system. The Kirkland rate center has approximately 83% 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 November 28, 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 80.36.610 RCW, which gives the Commission authority to take actions necessary to implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

**ORDER**

5 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator  
(NANPA), release a prefix (not starting with the digit 9) in Number Plan Area  
(NPA) 425 to Verizon Northwest Inc.
- 7 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future  
actions as may be appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of November, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary