

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-021525
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QWEST CORPORATION,)	
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)	
Regarding Conservation of)	ORDER APPROVING WAIVER
Numbering Resources.)	FOR ASSIGNMENT OF
.....)	NUMBERING RESOURCES

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest) notified the Commission November 15, 2002, that a large customer in their Tacoma Rate Center would need a prefix due to a project to simplify their system and provide additional Direct Inward Dial (DID) numbers. The customer has indicated a preference for prefix 944.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 2 (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), December 29, 2000 Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket NO. 96-98 and CC Docket NO. 99-200 Paragraph 61 and 64*].
- 3 (2) 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.
- 4 (3) 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) [47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iii)].

- 5 (4) The North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) website reports an inventory of 411 prefixes in NPA 253, and indicates that exhaust is scheduled for 3rd Quarter 2014.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on December 11, 2002.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release a prefix (preferably 944) in Number Plan Area 253 to Qwest Corporation, for use in its Tacoma Rate Center.
- (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as may be appropriate.

The Commissioners, having been advised in the matter determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest directed the Secretary to enter this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11th day of December, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary