

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-030689
)	
Qwest Corporation,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For a Waiver for Assignment of)	
Numbering Resources.)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest) notified the Commission on May 9, 2003, that due to numbering limitations of one customer in the Bellevue rate center, it would need four blocks of 1,000 numbers. The four blocks presently in use are in the 425-208 prefix, and since 208 is the Idaho NPA, the customer presently receives from 100 to 200 calls per week out of 14,000 calls that are misdialed, causing additional demands on their business. Qwest requests a waiver so that it may replace these four blocks with blocks from another prefix, and return the blocks presently in use.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2 (1) On December 28, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order establishing a “safety valve” allowing carriers that do not meet the utilization threshold in a given rate center to obtain additional numbering resources apart from the general waiver process. (*In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, CC Docket 99-200, FCC No. 01-362, ¶¶ 57-66*). Specifically, the FCC granted to state commissions the authority to direct the Pooling Administrator (Neustar) to release a block of numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that cannot be met with the carrier’s current inventory. (*Id.* ¶ 64).

- 3 (2) The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to RCW
80.36.610 RCW, which gives the Commission authority to take actions
necessary to implement the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.
- 4 (3) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing
resources are forecasted to exhaust within six months. [47 CFR
52.15(g)(3)(iii)].
- 5 (4) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of 125 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Bellevue rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of
NPA 425 is scheduled for 3Q2014.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on June 11, 2003.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release 4 blocks of 1,000
numbers in the Bellevue rate center to Qwest Corporation.
- (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 and directed the Secretary to enter
this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 11th day of June, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary