

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

In the Matter of Granting, on the	)	DOCKET NO. UT-030898
Commission's Own Motion, to	)	
	)	ORDER NO. 01
ADVANCED TELCOM, INC,	)	
	)	
A Waiver for Assignment of	)	
Numbering Resources.	)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
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**BACKGROUND**

- 1     At the Commission's July 9, 2003, open meeting, Commission Staff (Staff) recommended that the Commission grant a block of 1,000 numbers to Advanced Telcom, Inc., (Company), for all future number assignments in the Whatcom County rate center. The Company would make no additional assignments to customers in four existing prefixes (360-296, 360-306, 360-506, 360-594) previously assigned to the Company in Whatcom County. Staff recommends this action to improve the possibility of return of some or all of the existing prefixes, that have low utilization, or to minimize the impact of number changes, if the Commission might elect to pursue that policy at a future date. The Company and the pooling administrator (Neustar) support this trial.
- 2     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).

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) 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 (2) 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 (3) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of 152 blocks of  
1,000 numbers in the Whatcom County rate center, and indicates that the  
exhaust of NPA 360 is scheduled for third quarter 2005.
- 6 (4) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled  
meeting on July 9, 2003.

### ORDER

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release one block of  
1,000 numbers in the Whatcom County rate center to Advanced Telecom,  
Inc.
- 8 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future  
actions as may be appropriate.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MARILYN SHOWALTER, Chairwoman

RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner

PATRICK J. OSHIE, Commissioner