

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-021593
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POWERTELNET)	
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,)	
)	ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION
For Extension of 1,000 Number)	OF ACTIVATION DEADLINE
Block Activation Deadline.)	FOR A BLOCK OF NUMBERS
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 On October 24 , 2002, PowerTelNet Communications, Inc. (PowerTelNet) filed with the Commission a request for extension of the 1,000 Number Block activation deadline, as assigned by the Pooling Administrator (Neustar, Inc.).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

2 (1) The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules dictate that Block Holders activate blocks within six months of assignment. State Commissions may grant a one-time extension, not to exceed six months, for circumstances beyond the code holders control (*FCC Order on Number Resource Optimization*, First Report and Order CC Docket 00-104, ¶ 233).

3 (2) PowerTelNet has filed an extension request, noting interconnection difficulties with other Local Exchange Carriers, that have caused delays in the implementation of one block of numbers, 509-237-0xxx (Ephrata rate center). This block was effective May 17, 2002 and the Part IV due November 17, 2002. PowerTelNet indicates that the expected activation target date is June 30, 2003. Staff recommends extending their deadline until May 17, 2003. Staff also notes that if the Code Holder is ordered to return this block, they may make an immediate request for another block, thus a net savings of blocks will not occur.

- 4 (3) Since the deadline extension filed herein is within the Commission's statutory authority and consistent with the public interest, it is deemed appropriate that the company be granted the extension it is requesting, with a new deadline of May 17, 2003.
- 5 (4) After careful examination of the deadline extension request filed by PowerTelNet on October 24, 2002, and giving consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, the Commission finds that the deadline should be extended until May 17, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 6 (1) The requested extension of Block activation deadline, for 509-237-0xxx in the Ephrata rate center, filed by PowerTelNet Communications, Inc. on October 24, 2002, is granted, and said deadline shall be extended to May 17, 2003.
- 7 The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 31st day of December, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary