

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-030114
)	
VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For a Waiver for Assignment of)	
Numbering Resources.)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Verizon Northwest Inc., (Verizon) notified the Commission on January 30, 2003, that due to numbering limitations of a customer’s dialing plan in the Bothell Rate Center, it would need three blocks of 1,000 numbers, specifically 425-908-4000 through 6999 to satisfy this customer’s service requirements.

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 (December 28, 2001)). 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, 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 85 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Bothell rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of
NPA 425 is scheduled for 3rd Quarter 2012.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly
scheduled meeting on February 28, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release three blocks of
1,000 numbers, specifically 425-908-4000 through 6999 in the Bothell rate
center to Verizon Northwest, Inc.
- 8 (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 28th day of February, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary