

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

In the Matter Regarding the)	DOCKET NO. UT-030209
Request of Numbering Resources –)	
)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
QWEST CORPORATION)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation (Qwest) notified the Commission on February 18, 2003, that due to numbering limitations of a customer’s dialing plan in the Puyallup Rate Center, it would need seven blocks of 1,000 numbers to satisfy this customer’s service requirements. The customer has requested blocks in the 253-697 prefix. The customer also has additional growth plans in the next five years that will require additional resources.

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 41 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Puyallup rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of
NPA 253 is scheduled for 3rd Quarter 2014.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on March 12, 2003.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release seven blocks of
1,000 numbers of the 253-697 prefix in the Puyallup rate center to Qwest
Communications, and reserve the two additional blocks in that prefix in
inventory for future growth of the customer.
- 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 12th day of March, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary