

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-031466
)	
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 September 12, 2003, that due to growth in the Bonney Lake wire center, a portion of the Sumner rate center, it would need one block of 1,000 numbers.

The Sumner rate center presently has approximately 83% of its assigned numbering resources working (33,268 of 40,000). The Bonney Lake wire center is in danger of running out of number resources in the near future, even though the Sumner wire center is increasing its number of spare numbers, thus the Rate Center does not qualify for relief under FCC rules. Since all the 1,000 blocks in the Sumner wire center have more than 100 working numbers, it is not possible to transfer blocks from the Sumner wire center to the Bonney Lake wire center for future 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. 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 26 blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Sumner 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 October 8, 2003.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release one block of 1,000 numbers in the Sumner 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 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 8th day of October, 2003.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary