

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041226
)	
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 July 8, 2004, that due to technical limitations of its network serving the Seattle rate center, it would need one block of 1,000 numbers to be located in their Mt. Vernon switch. Previous out of franchise service has been provided by three prefixes hosted on a Verizon switch in the Westin building in Seattle.

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, 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 249 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Seattle center, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA
206 is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on July 28, 2004.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

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

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 28th day of July, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary