

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041923
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VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	ORDER NO. 01
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Petitioner,)	
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For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon requested on November 1, 2004, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide two blocks in the Richland rate center. Its customer has a PBX that requires sequential number assignments, and requests specifically 509-371-(6XXX) and (7XXX).

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 20 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Richland rate center, and indicates that the
exhaust of NPA 509 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2009.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly
scheduled meeting on November 10, 2004.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release two
blocks of 1,000 numbers, specifically 509-371-(6XXX) and -(7XXX) in
the Richland 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 determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 10th day of November, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary