

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

In the Matter of the Investigation of the)	DOCKET UT-072306
Late Activation of)	
)	ORDER 01
SPRINT SPECTRUM, L.P.,)	
)	ORDER EXTENDING ACTIVATION
)	DEADLINE FOR A BLOCK OF
Of Number Block 425-377-5)	NUMBERS
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BACKGROUND

- 1 On November 13, 2007, Commission staff opened an investigation into Sprint Spectrum, L.P.’s (Sprint) late number block activation for a thousand-number block in the 425 area code. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires number blocks be activated within six months of assignment by the Pooling Administrator (PA or Neustar, Inc.), to assure effective use of numbering resources. At the end of the six month period, state commissions may investigate whether carriers have activated number blocks within the six month period. State commissions may grant a one-time extension of the FCC requirement of up to six months or direct the PA to reclaim the numbers. *FCC Order on Number Resource Optimization*, First Report and Order CC Docket 00-104, March 31, 2000, ¶ 232-233, 237-239.
- 2 Sprint did not place its thousand-number block 425-377-5 in service by its activation deadline of August 31, 2007, because there was a slight decrease in demand for numbers at that time. The company activated the numbers on October 12, 2007, which is within the FCC’s six-month extension requirement timeline. Since placing 425-377-5 in service, Sprint has assigned almost ninety percent of its available numbers. In addition, Sprint’s overall rate center utilization for Everett is well above the seventy-five percent national standard. *47 CFR 52.15 (h)*. Sprint also provided recent number assignment information showing significant demand for number resources in the Everett rate center. The thousand-number block is being used effectively, and granting the retroactive extension of the activation deadline is in the public interest.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (1) FCC rules dictate number block holders activate thousand-number blocks within six months of assignment. State commissions may grant a one-time extension, not to exceed six months, for circumstances beyond the code holder’s control.

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- 4 (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.
- 5 (3) Sprint has responded to Commission staff information requests for number block 425-377-5, which had an assigned effective date of August 31, 2007.
- 6 (4) The deadline extension is within the Commission's statutory authority and consistent with the public interest because Sprint is efficiently using its number resources in the Everett rate center.
- 7 (5) The Commission finds the activation deadline for number block 425-377-5 should be extended until October 31, 2007.

O R D E R

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Sprint Spectrum, L.P.'s activation deadline for number block 425-377-5 is extended retroactively to October 31, 2007.
- 9 (2) Sprint Spectrum, L.P. must adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources and comply with the requirements of the FCC's North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) and PA regarding the return of numbers.
- 10 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as may be appropriate.
- 11 The Commissioners, having determined the Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Executive Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 10, 2008.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary