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Re: Seattle Rate Center Numbering Waiver

Ms. Carole Washburn,
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and
Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W.
Olympia, Washington 98504

Dear Ms. Washburn:

By this letter Qwest is requesting a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open and assign a new NXX (10,000 telephone numbers) for a Qwest customer.

The request is for a new NXX (10,000 telephone numbers) in the 206 NPA, specifically any NXX ending in "4" (206-NX4-XXXX) for the Seattle Rate Center to meet a specific customer need in the community. The customer has a need for the entire NXX to support their various locations, so no numbers will returned to the numbering pool. The original customer request has been provided with this letter as Confidential Attachment A.

In our effort to satisfy the customer's request, Qwest submitted a request to PA/NeuStar on November 16, 2006 for additional numbering resources. That application and the subsequent denial have been provided as Confidential Attachment B. In order for the request to be approved, Qwest will require a waiver of the current usage threshold for new numbering requests.

The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is demonstrated need such as a specific customer request for a large block of numbers. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order ("Order") as the "safety valve" process (See FCC 01-362, paras. 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The Order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days. (See Paras. 61,66)

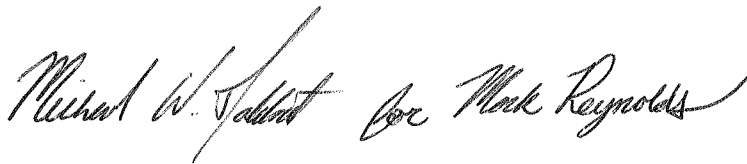
Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of utilization and months to exhaust threshold requirements and direct PA/NeuStar to open a new NXX ending in "4" (206-NX4-XXXX) for Qwest in the Seattle Rate Center.

The directive can be mailed or faxed directly to:

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PA Code Administrator
NeuStar, Inc.
1800 Sutter St. Ste. 780
Concord, CA 94520
Phone: 925-363-8742
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Michael Dalebout at (801) 237-7634 or michael.dalebout@qwest.com. We would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/NeuStar.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael W. Dalebout for Mark Reynolds". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "Very truly yours," text.

Attachments