

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-031527
)	
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 23, 2003, that due to numbering limitations of one customer in the Tacoma rate center, it would need two blocks of 1,000 numbers.

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 128 blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Tacoma rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 253 is scheduled for third quarter 2014.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 22, 2003.

ORDER

7 THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, release two blocks of 1,000 numbers, specifically 253-617-2XXX and 253-617-6XXX in the Tacoma 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.

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DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 22nd day of October, 2003.

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CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary