

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041279
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING TELEPHONE
Number Resources)	NUMBER RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest) requested on July 16, 2004, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide one block in the Whatcom County rate center. Their customer's dialing plan requires the 6XXX block in a prefix that does not end in 0, 1, 5, or 9, preferably 7 or 8. Qwest would prefer that a block that they previously donated, 360-788-6XXX be returned to them to fulfill this request.

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 132 blocks of
1,000 numbers in the Whatcom County rate center, and indicates that the
exhaust of NPA 360 is scheduled for the third quarter of 2006.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on August 11, 2004.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release one block of
1,000 numbers, specifically 360-788-6XXX in the Whatcom County rate
center to Qwest Corporation.
- 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 11th day of August, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary