

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041623
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 Qwest Corporation, Qwest requested on September 9, 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 Sumner rate center.

- 2 Qwest has an immediate need for 500 sequential numbers for an end user in the Sumner rate center. Qwest does not currently have any numbering resources that could fulfill that requirement. Thus a new block of 1,000 numbers will be required. Since the Sumner rate center has adequate spare numbers, the rate center does not qualify for relief under FCC rules. The Sumner rate center presently has approximately 80% of its assigned numbering resources working (33,418 of 42,000).

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 3 (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).

- 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) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing resources are forecasted to exhaust within six months. [47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iii)].
- 6 (4) The Pooling Administrator website reports an inventory of twenty-one blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Sumner rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 253 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2020.
- 7 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on September 29, 2004.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 8 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release one block of 1,000 numbers, in the Sumner rate center to Qwest Corporation.
- 9 (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 29th day of September, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary