

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051243
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest or Company) requested on August 16, 2005, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide two number blocks in the Vancouver rate center, area code 360. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers available for assignment in the Vancouver switch can not meet the special request of the government customer operating in the rate center. Specifically, the customer needs two sequential blocks for a new fire station and public facility. Qwest will return two number blocks to the NeuStar Pooling Administrator from the Company's existing inventory in the Vancouver rate center in exchange for the specific sequential blocks needed for the customer. The company request is for two specific sequential blocks in the 360 area code, 487 code, blocks 7 and 8. Qwest provided the Commission with the confidential customer request and proof of utilization in the rate center.

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 in the 360 area
code of 17 contaminated number blocks and 32 uncontaminated number
blocks available in the Vancouver rate center, and indicates that the
exhaust of the 360 area code is scheduled for the third quarter of 2007.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on August 31, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release two blocks of
1,000 numbers, from the same prefix, specifically the 360-487-7 and 8
number blocks in the Vancouver rate center to Qwest Corporation. Qwest
Corporation will return two number blocks from the company inventory
to the Pooling Administrator from the 360 area code, Vancouver rate

center, in exchange for the assignment of two specific number blocks.

- 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 31st of August, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary