

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051244
)	
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 one number code in the 206 area code, Seattle rate center. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the Seattle rate center does not meet the special needs of a specific large customer. The customer requires the numbers, specifically 206-500, to meet new dialing plan requirements and to facilitate the planning and engineering obligations for occupancy in a new building by first quarter of 2006. Qwest submitted a request to the Pooling Administrator for additional numbering resources in the rate center, however, the request was denied as Qwest did not meet the utilization threshold. Qwest will return a substantial portion of the customer's existing numbers to the Pooling Administrator once the customer's offices are consolidated and the numbering plan is streamlined in the new code. Qwest provided the Commission with the 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 numbers to a carrier to satisfy a specific customer request that can not 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 42 uncontaminated number blocks and 108 contaminated number blocks available in the Seattle rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of area code 206 is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023.
- 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 Pooling Administrator, to release one number code in the Seattle rate center, area code 206 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 31th day of August, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary