

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051414
)	
QWEST CORPORATION,)	ORDER NO. 01
)	
For Assignment of Telephone)	ORDER ASSIGNING
Number Resources)	NUMBERING RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 Qwest Corporation, (Qwest or Company) requested on September 21, 2005, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Pooling Administrator to provide one number block of 1,000 numbers in the 253 area code, Tacoma Waverly rate center. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the Tacoma Waverly rate center does not meet the special needs of a large public education service district customer. The customer requires the numbers, specifically a block in the range of 7600-7999 for consistency in local calling for two counties. 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 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 55 number
blocks available in the Tacoma Waverly rate center, and indicates that the
exhaust of area code 253 is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2021.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled
meeting on October 12, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as Pooling Administrator, to release one number
block in the Tacoma Waverly rate center, area code 253, 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 12th day of October, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary