

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-051438
)	
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 four number blocks of 1,000 numbers each in the 509 area code, Spokane rate center. Qwest's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the Spokane rate center does not meet the special needs of a tribal government customer. The customer requires the numbers, specifically number-blocks 2, 3, 4, and 7, to accommodate customer and "911" Caller Identification system requirements. Currently there are no seven thousand number blocks available for assignment. The Pooling Administrator will need to open a new NXX (code) to assign the seven thousand number-block to Qwest, retaining the remaining nine blocks. 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 119 number blocks available in the Spokane rate center, and indicates that the exhaust of area code 509 is scheduled for the first quarter of 2011.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2005.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as Pooling Administrator, to release four number-blocks in the Spokane rate center, area code 509, to Qwest Corporation.

- 8 (2) The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to take such future actions as may be appropriate.

The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 26th day of October, 2005.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary