

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET NO. UT-041226
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VERIZON NORTHWEST INC.,)	ORDER NO. 02
)	
For a Waiver for Assignment of)	ORDER RESCINDING ORDER
Numbering Resources)	NO. 01; GRANTING WAIVER
.....)	

BACKGROUND

- 1 Verizon Northwest Inc., (Verizon) submitted an application on June 23, 2004, to the Pooling Administrator for a complete prefix so that it could start providing out-of-franchise telecommunications service to the Seattle rate center via a new voice over Internet Protocol switch. The Pooling Administrator denied its request on June 29, 2004, on grounds that Verizon had not met rate center exhaust criteria set forth in pooling guidelines, since out-of-franchise service is provided by existing circuit switches that have sufficient numbering resources.

- 2 On July 8, 2004, Verizon asked the Commission to direct the Pooling Administrator to provide a prefix in the Seattle rate center. The Commission granted a block of one thousand numbers during its July 28, 2004, Open Meeting, which was inconsistent with the Company's request.

- 3 Order No. 01 should be rescinded, and the Company's request should be granted.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4 (1) On December 28, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued an order 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).

- 5 (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.
- 6 (3) Normally, additional numbering resources are granted only when existing resources are forecast to exhaust within six months. [47 CFR 52.15(g)(3)(iii)].
- 7 (4) The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's website reports an inventory of 242 prefixes in NPA 206, and indicates that the exhaust of NPA 206 is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023.
- 8 (5) Granting the Verizon request is consistent with the public interest. The Commission's prior order in this docket should be rescinded, and an order should be entered granting the request.
- 9 (6) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 11, 2004.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 10 (1) Order No. 01 in this docket is rescinded.
- 11 (2) The Commission directs Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator to release one prefix of 10,000 numbers including LRN, in the Seattle rate center to Verizon Northwest Inc.
- 12 (3) 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 11th day of August, 2004.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary