

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

In the Matter of the Request of)	DOCKET UT-061265
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AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE)	ORDER 01
PACIFIC NORTHWEST, INC.,)	
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For Assignment of Telephone Number)	ORDER ASSIGNING NUMBERING
Resources)	RESOURCES
.....)	

BACKGROUND

1 AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc., (AT&T or Company) requested on August 6, 2006, that the Commission overturn the numbering administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources and direct the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Pooling Administrator to provide a four one-thousand number blocks in the 206 area code, Seattle rate center. AT&T's inventory of telephone numbers for assignment in the rate center does not satisfy the requirement for numbers for customer Safeco Insurance. Safeco is relocating to downtown Seattle from the university district. The customer requires numbers in a specific sequence to accommodate more than two thousand employees at the new location, the addition of another office location in the region, and the use of numbers beyond those at the desktop for technology use. Due to Safeco's specialized numbering plan, they are limited to a few ranges in numbers. AT&T submitted a request to the Pooling Administrator (PA) for additional numbering resources in the rate center, however, the request was denied as AT&T does not meet the utilization level established by the FCC. The Pooling Administrator will only accept an exception request with a waiver from the Commission. AT&T will adhere to the requirement to review numbering resources, comply with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission's North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) and PA regarding the return of Safeco numbers not utilized and of those numbers currently in use by Safeco. AT&T provided the Commission with the customer request for number resources 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 sixty two number blocks available in the Seattle center. The North American Number Plan Administrator website reports an inventory of two hundred and thirty seven codes available in the 206 area code. The exhaust of area code 206 is projected for the first quarter of 2023.
- 6 (5) This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2006.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 7 (1) Neustar, Inc., acting as the Pooling Administrator, to release four one thousand number blocks in the Seattle rate center, area code 206, to AT&T Communications of the Pacific Northwest, Inc.
- 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 August 16, 2006.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Executive Secretary