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Ms. Carole Washburn,  
Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and  
Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
Olympia, Washington 98504

Re: Bellevue Rate Center Numbering Waiver

Dear Ms. Washburn:

By this letter Qwest is requesting a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in FCC's Numbering Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No 99-200, which would allow PA/NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open a new NXX to meet the needs of a specific Qwest customer.

The customer request is for 1,000 sequential telephone numbers in the 425 NPA, Bellevue Rate Center. Specifically, the customer has requested that the numbers be in a single prefix and the last 4 digits must begin with 4 in order to work with their internal dialing plan requirements. Currently there are no available 4XXX blocks in the PA pool inventory. Qwest asks that the WUTC authorize the opening of a new NXX in their approval order to meet the customer's needs. Currently NANPA has forecasted exhaust of the 425 NPA to be 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2031 with 296 NXXs available for assignment out of the 425 NPA. Currently, the PA has 10 blocks available for assignment in the Bellevue Rate Center, none of which are a 4XXX block.

The customer has an immediate need for the numbers to transfer service from another provider to Qwest. The original customer request has been provided with this letter as Confidential Attachment A. The customer will return approximately 1,000 numbers upon the conversion to Qwest. These numbers will be returned to the existing customer's Service Provider.

In our effort to satisfy the customer's request, Qwest submitted a request to PA/NeuStar on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007 for additional numbering resources. That application and the subsequent denial have been provided as Confidential Attachment B. In order for the request to be approved, Qwest will require a waiver of the current usage threshold for new numbering requests.

The FCC allows for a waiver of the rules when there is demonstrated need such as a specific customer request for a large block of numbers. The waiver process is specifically addressed in the FCC Third Report and Order ("Order") as the "safety valve" process (See FCC 01-362, paras. 57-66), which went into effect on March 14, 2002. The Order delegates the authority to hear claims for waivers to the state commissioners and recommends that state commissions act expeditiously. The Order proposes that state commissions review a waiver within 10 business days. (See Paras. 61,66)


Qwest respectfully requests that the Commission approve the request for a waiver of months to exhaust and rate center utilization threshold requirements, and direct PA/NeuStar to open a new NXX in the Bellevue Rate Center and assign Qwest the 4XXX block to accommodate our customer's request.

All directives can be emailed, faxed or mailed directly to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact Kevin D. Manwarren at (303) 896-1016 or kevin.manwarren@qwest.com. We would appreciate being copied on any correspondence with PA/NeuStar.

Very truly yours,

  
for Mark Reynolds

Attachments