

**BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF CAMBRIDGE** )  
**TELEPHONE COMPANY'S VOLUNTARY** ) **CASE NO. CAM-T-10-01**  
**RELINQUISHMENT OF NUMBERS FROM** )  
**THE CUPRUM EXCHANGE** ) **ORDER NO. 32122**  
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**BACKGROUND**

On October 1, 2010, NeuStar<sup>1</sup> contacted Commission Staff regarding a full 208-NXX code<sup>2</sup> that was originally assigned to Cambridge Telephone Company ("Cambridge"). The code was recently assigned to a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") out of the Boise Main Office.

Cambridge informed Staff that, effective December 9, 2009, the Company sent a Part 1 form to the North American Plan Administrator ("NANPA")<sup>3</sup> releasing the NPA-NXX, 208-258, back to the numbering pool. The Company also stated that, effective January 28, 2010, all customers who were served by the 208-258 Cuprum exchange were moved to the Council exchange, 208-253. The Company indicated that there are approximately 40 customers who would be affected by this action. The Cuprum Central Office (CO) is now functioning as a dumb remote.<sup>4</sup>

According to Cambridge, its decision to move the Cuprum customers to the Council exchange was made in part based upon the FCC granting mandatory pooling in Idaho. The Company's release of numbers was contemplated in order to help preserve 208 area code resources.

NeuStar notified Staff that it required a Commission Order approving the relinquishment of the numbers in the Cuprum CO and converting the CO to a dumb remote.

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<sup>1</sup> NeuStar monitors and oversees thousands block pooling for all telephone numbers. A block of numbers consists of 1,000 numbers.

<sup>2</sup> A full NXX code is comprised of 10,000 telephone numbers.

<sup>3</sup> NANPA monitors and oversees central office codes administration and disbursements.

<sup>4</sup> A dumb remote is a remote physical partition of an intelligent switch, usually is in the form of a Central Office (CO). The dumb remote is connected to the CO by a signaling and control link over which the call processing queries and instructions are transmitted between the two devices. In this case, the CO is the Council CO.

Normally, when numbers are transferred, relinquished or changed to a CO/rate center a Commission Order is appropriate.

### **STAFF ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

Staff supports Cambridge's prompt response to the mandatory pooling Order from the FCC along with the proactive number resource management exercised by Cambridge. Staff believes that the Commission should issue an Order supporting Cambridge's voluntary relinquishment of numbers from the Cuprum Exchange.

### **DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS**

After reviewing Cambridge's actions and Staff's recommendation, the Commission approves Cambridge's voluntary relinquishment of the NPA NXX, 208-258, from the Cuprum Exchange. The Commission finds that Cambridge's actions constitute a reasonable and efficient use of Idaho's numbering resources.

"[N]umber conservation measures have the maximum effect on reducing the demand for numbering resources, and to avoid premature area code relief. . . ." In the Matter of Number Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, FCC Docket Nos. 99-200, 96-98, *The Idaho Public Utilities Commission's Petition for Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures* at 4. The Commission applauds Cambridge's release of numbers in furtherance of our goal of conserving "Idaho's increasingly scarce numbering resources." Order No. 30983 at 2. The Commission continues to encourage all of Idaho's telecommunications providers to emulate Cambridge's actions.

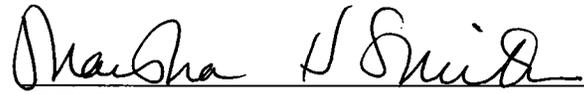
### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Cambridge Telephone Company's voluntary relinquishment of the NPA NXX, 208-258, from the Cuprum Exchange is approved.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

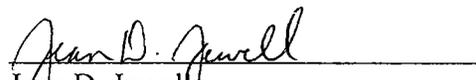
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of November 2010.

  
JIM D. KEMPTON, PRESIDENT

  
MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER

  
MACK A. REDFORD, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

  
Jean D. Jewell  
Commission Secretary

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