

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
COLUMBINE TELEPHONE COMPANY,)	CASE NOS. COL-T-19-01
INC. FOR A WAIVER OF FCC THRESHOLD)	
NUMBERING RESOURCE)	
REQUIREMENTS)	ORDER NO. 34364
)	

On May 21, 2019, Columbine Telephone Company, Inc. (“Columbine” or the “Company”) filed a Petition requesting that the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) enter an order waiving the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC”) Threshold Numbering Resource Requirements for Driggs, Idaho.

THE PETITION

In the Petition, the Company asserted it is replacing its existing DMS-10 switch equipment/facilities in its Driggs, Idaho exchange. Because of this change, a new Number Plan Area and exchange (“NPA-NXX”) and Location Routing Number (“LRN”)¹ are required to establish homing arrangements for Local Exchange Routing Guide 7 Switching Homing Arrangement information (“LERG7SHA”) so the Company can order and install new trunking.² *Petition* at 1. The Company stated once the new switch is operational, existing Columbine customers will be ported to it from the old switch. *Id.*

On May 9, 2019, Columbine applied through the Pooling Administration System (“PAS”) of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) for a LRN for the new Driggs, Idaho switch within its Local Access Transport Area (“LATA”). NANPA’s administrator, Somos, Inc., denied Columbine’s application because the Company did not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization requirements in the Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines (the “Guidelines”). *See Petition*, Attachment A.

¹The NPA, or Numbering Plan Area, is commonly called the area code. The NXX refers to the three digits of a phone number immediately following the area code, and is also called the “exchange” or Central Switching Office Designation. The LRN, or Location Routing Number, is a unique 10-digit number used to identify a switch that holds ported or pooled numbers. Calls to ported or pooled numbers are routed based on the NPA-NXX of the numbers associated with the LRN.

² The LERG provides routing data obtained from the iconectiv Business Integrated Routing and Rating Database System (“BIRRD”) into which data is entered by service providers (“SPs”) and/or their agents.

The Company's Petition asked the Commission to grant Columbine a waiver of the Guidelines.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff evaluated Columbine's waiver request and stated the requested waiver would not harm the numbering resources in the Driggs rate center. Staff also stated Columbine's request for a waiver is reasonable and consistent with the Company's plan to upgrade facilities for consumers in the Driggs, Idaho area. Accordingly, Staff recommended the Commission grant Columbine's waiver request for the full NXX-LRN. Staff further recommended the Company return any unused numbers to the pooling administrators.

COMMISSION FINDINGS

Federal regulations allow a carrier to appeal a NANPA decision to withhold numbering resources. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv) and (5). The Commission "may affirm or overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource" requirements. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv) and (5). The Commission "also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies." 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(5).

After reviewing Columbine's Petition and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the Petition should be granted. The requested waiver is necessary for Columbine in relation to its facilities upgrade and to meet the needs of its customers. We further find that the waiver and assignment will not detrimentally affect numbering resources for the Driggs rate center. Consequently, we find it is reasonable to direct that NANPA provide the new number assignment requested by Columbine. Finally, we find that because Columbine participates in number pooling the Company shall return any unused 1,000-blocks of numbers to NANPA.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Columbine's Petition for waiver of the numbering resource optimization Guidelines is granted.

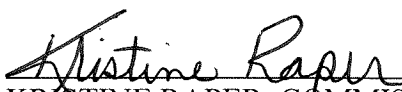
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any unused 1,000-blocks of numbers shall be returned to NANPA's numbering pool within six (6) months from the service date of this Order.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order (or in issues finally decided by this Order) may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order with regard to any matter decided in 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 and 62-619.

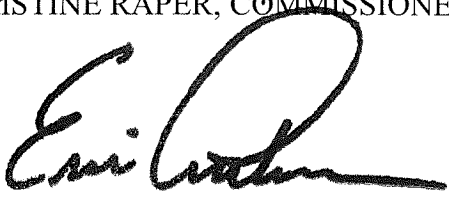
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 28th day of June 2019.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT




KRISTINE RAPER, COMMISSIONER



ERIC ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Diane M. Hanian
Commission Secretary

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