

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: JUNE 12, 2013

RE: POTLATCH TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A TDS TELECOM (“TDS”) PETITION FOR A SAFETY VALVE WAIVER OF FCC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR AN LRN AND NUMBERING RESOURCES IN IDAHO’S KENDRICK RATE CENTER; CASE NO. POT-T-13-02.

BACKGROUND

On June 10, 2013, Potlatch Telephone Company dba TDS Telecom, filed a petition requesting that the Commission grant a Safety Valve waiver of FCC Threshold Requirements for numbering resources in the Kendrick, Idaho rate center.

TDS is deploying a new switch and is requesting the issuance of a new Local Routing Number (LRN).¹ The issuance of an LRN requires that a full NXX code² be opened in the rate center. The Company has indicated that it will need the new code and LRN for approximately 12 months and once the migration is complete the Company will return the new code when the legacy switch is collapsed.

STAFF ANALYSIS

TDS participates in the thousand-block-pooling within its various rate centers in Idaho. After evaluating TDS’s waiver request, Staff believes that granting this waiver will not have any detrimental effect on the numbering resources in the Kendrick rate center. According to FCC

¹ Local Routing Number is a 10-digit telephone number that identifies a particular switch and is required for local number portability.

² A full NXX code is comprised of 10,000 telephone numbers.

orders and numbering guidelines, carriers may appeal NANPA decisions of this nature to the appropriate state regulatory authority. This Commission has granted similar waivers in the past to meet similar requests of other carriers.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the request for a waiver be granted.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree with Staff's recommendation?



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