

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)
QWEST CORPORATION FOR A WAIVER) CASE NO. QWE-T-06-16
OF FCC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS)
FOR NUMBERING RESOURCES FOR)
BOISE, IDAHO) ORDER NO. 30118
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On August 17, 2006, Qwest Corporation filed a request for a Petition for Waiver regarding the denial of an application Qwest previously filed with Neustar, the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA). On August 8, 2006, Qwest submitted an application to Neustar requesting an assignment of a block of 10,000 numbers to a significant Qwest customer. In its earlier application to Neustar, Qwest requested a central office code (NXX) to meet the growing requirements of a customer whose identity the Company has requested remain confidential. Qwest's request included as a confidential attachment, a letter from the business identifying its reasons for requesting the additional numbers. Qwest made the application to Neustar because it does not have an entire discrete prefix available in the Boise rate center to meet the customer's request. Qwest made the request for the additional numbers to accommodate manufacturing expansion and growth of new services by the customer.

THE PETITION

Qwest filed an application with Neustar to obtain the assignment of numbers. In its application to Neustar, Qwest was required to submit a "months-to-exhaust" (MTE) worksheet which indicates when Qwest would deplete or exhaust its numbering resources in the Boise rate center. Qwest's request was immediately denied due to the months-to-exhaust calculation.

As provided in the *Number Optimization Order* and FCC regulations, the appropriate regulatory 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" requirement. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(B)(iv). Qwest asserts in its Petition to this Commission that the FCC's "safety valve" process permits a waiver of the kind it requested when there is a demonstrated need such as that identified in the confidential attachment from the customer. Qwest maintains that NANPA's denial of its numbering request impedes Qwest's ability to serve a major customer.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff recommended that the Commission grant Qwest's request. Staff noted that the numbering assignment requested is necessary for the new growth of the customer, and that the new numbers are needed starting in November 2006. Staff also noted that Qwest participates in thousand-block-pooling in the Boise rate center. Thus, unused blocks are returned to Neustar for assignment. Taking these factors together, Staff concluded that granting the Petition will not result in an inefficient use of Idaho's numbering resources.

DISCUSSION

After reviewing Qwest's Petition and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Qwest's Petition should be granted. It appears that the requested number assignment is necessary for Qwest to meet the needs of its customer. Granting the request will facilitate the customer's expansion in its Boise facility. Finally, because Qwest participates in number pooling, unused 1,000 blocks will be returned to the NANPA. Consequently, we find that it is reasonable to direct that Neustar provide a new number assignment requested by Qwest to meet the customer's requirements.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Qwest Corporation's Petition for Waiver of the FCC's numbering resource optimization requirements is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Neustar assign 10 sequential numbering blocks to Qwest so that Qwest may assign the numbers to the customer identified in its Petition.

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.

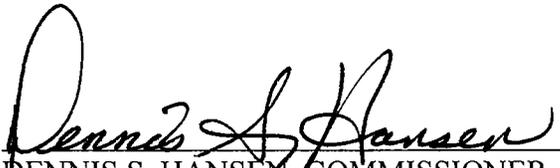
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 29th
day of August 2006.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT



MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



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