

ITEM NO. CA2

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: August 30, 2016

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE August 31, 2016

DATE: August 11, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Stephen Hayes 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Bryan Conway, Bruce Hellebuyck   

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. UM 1792) Application for waiver of Federal Communications Commission requirements for assignment of additional numbering resources.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends the Commission approve the application of Qwest Corporation (aka CenturyLink QC) to exceed the Months to Exhaust (MTE) and Rate Center Utilization (RCU) requirements for the Prineville rate center.

**DISCUSSION:**

On August 2, 2016, CenturyLink QC (Qwest or Company) filed an application requesting a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) number resource optimization requirements specifically involving the MTE and RCU criterion for the Prineville rate center. Qwest requests that the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and/or the number Pooling Administrator assign one block of 1,000 numbers to be used in the Company's new Prineville rate center switch. This will allow the Company to implement a new additional switch which requires a new location routing number (LRN) essential to facilitate call completion. Number assignment guidelines require that a Company be designated as the code-holder when an LRN will be assigned. This means that a new code of ten thousand numbers needs to be allocated to the rate center. The company will only retain one thousand-block initially. The other nine thousand-blocks will be retained in the number pool for use as providers needing additional numbering resources meet the MTE and RCU requirements.

The Company submitted confidential documents showing their initial application was filed with the Pooling Administrator and was denied. The Pooling Administrator noted

that the Company may proceed with requesting a State Waiver. The Pooling Administrator tracking number is 541-PRINEVILLE-OR-935503.

In FCC Order No. 01-362, dated December 28, 2001, the FCC adopted a safety valve mechanism to allow individual state commissions, under special circumstances, to hear claims of carriers when the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) or Pooling Administrator denies a specific request for numbering resources. In the order, the FCC adopted one specific safety valve for "carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds their [the carrier's] available inventory;" a second safety valve was approved "to meet a carrier's immediate numbering needs;" and thirdly, the FCC, in its order, gives states "some flexibility to direct the NANPA or Pooling Administrator to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources" that don't meet the criteria for the two safety valves. See FCC 01-362, paragraphs 61 through 66. Qwest has demonstrated to Staff that their application meets the requirements of the FCC's second safety valve measure.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve Qwest's request for waiver of the Federal Communications Commission requirements involving Months to Exhaust and Rate Center Utilization criterion.