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Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins
Oregon Public Utility Commission
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Dear Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins:

Qwest Corporation (Qwest) respectfully requests Commission concurrence with regard to the issuance of additional numbering resources in Qwest's Bend rate center.

Qwest is requesting from NeuStar / PA, the Oregon number pooling administrator, to open six blocks out of the BENDOR24DS0 switch. The St. Charles Medical Center located in Bend, Oregon is expanding due to growth and is planning to utilize these numbers to make their directory easier for caregivers and customers. St. Charles has identified dialing requirements needing 1,500 numbers spread over six sequential thousands blocks (2XXX – 7XXX). I have attached the customer letter dated January 10, 2008 stating their request.

On 01/29/08, Qwest submitted a Part 1A and MTE (Months to Exhaust) Worksheet to NeuStar/PA via their online system requesting numbering resources to satisfy the customers needs. The request was immediately denied, based on FCC utilization criteria. According to FCC requirements, to qualify for additional numbering resources carriers must submit paperwork demonstrating the rate center for which the numbers are requested is at six months or less to exhaust and is at 75% or more utilization. In cases where the service provider is not able to meet a specific customer request with available inventory, the FCC has determined that the state commissions will have jurisdiction. The Bend rate center is at 26.5 MTE and 81.5% utilization. Due to the MTE criteria Qwest does not qualify for additional numbers at this time.

In its Second Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allowed for a waiver of the rules when there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers, such as we are requesting. *FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 00-429, ¶186, released December 29, 2000.* The FCC then delegated authority to the State Commissions to grant requests for additional numbering resources in its Third Report And Order on Numbering Resource Optimization:

... and we delegate authority to state commissions to hear claims that a safety valve should be applied when the NANPA or Pooling Administrator denied a specific request for numbering resources (footnote omitted)... We also clarify that states may grant request by carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds their available inventory.

This request is asking for Commission consideration based upon ¶¶ 61 and 64 of Order No. 01-362 relating to a specific customer request. This need is demonstrated by the customer's request, along with current proof of utilization in the Bend rate center.

Qwest respectfully requests that the Oregon Public Utility Commission direct NeuStar / PA to provide six sequential thousands blocks provisioned out of the Bend, Oregon switch. The 541-706-2XXX-7XXX range is currently available in the NeuStar PA pooling inventory. Qwest is requesting that the PUC send an email to the PA requesting the numbers be held pending Commission approval. Once St. Charles has the new numbers established they will be returning 998 numbers.

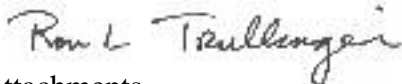
The directive for the numbers should be mailed to the Pooling Administrator:

Ms. Diane Mueller
1800 Sutter St. Ste. 780
Concord, CA 94520
Phone: 925-363-7656
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Some of the information provided is confidential by Qwest Corporation and is stamped as such.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. I would appreciate an expeditious decision relating to this request. The customer is requesting the numbers as soon as possible to support their new location.

Sincerely,



Attachments