

ORDER NO. 03-223

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 953

In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
Investigation into the Issue of Numbering)	
Resources and Review of Rate Center)	
Consolidation Proposal.)	

DISPOSITION: DOCKET CLOSED

On November 24, 1999, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) opened Docket UM 953 with Order No. 99-729 to investigate the conservation of number resources. In Order No. 01-208, the Commission selected NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar) as the Pooling Administrator for interim "thousand block number pooling" (TBNP) in Oregon. The Commission subsequently changed the focus of UM 953 to investigate costs which may be recovered for "interim number pooling," effectively making UM 953 a cost recovery docket. Interim TBNP ended when the Federal Communications Commission instigated TBNP on a permanent basis. Interim TBNP and related costs cover the time period from early 2001 to 2002 when interim was ceased.

On July 23, 2001, a schedule was set for parties to file comments on issues and to file cost studies in support of recovery costs related to implementation of interim TBNP. After several amendments to the schedule, a deadline of March 3, 2003 was set for a carrier to file its cost studies.

Only CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc. (CenturyTel), United Telephone Company of the Northwest dba Sprint (Sprint), Verizon Northwest Inc. (Verizon), and Qwest Corporation (Qwest) would have had to file cost studies. Smaller telephone utilities, cooperatives and competitive providers can adjust their rates to recover costs without specific approval from the Commission. CenturyTel has shown no interest in this proceeding, and Verizon, Sprint and Qwest notified the Commission that they would not seek to recover interim TBNP cost. No party filed cost studies by the March 3, 2003 deadline. Without filing a cost study, a carrier cannot seek cost recovery. This leaves no reason to continue Docket UM 953 and the docket should be closed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that docket UM 953 is closed.

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Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.