

ORDER NO. 03-311

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)	
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The Petition of NEUSTAR, INC. as the)	ORDER
North American Numbering Plan)	
Administrator and on behalf of the Oregon)	
Telecommunications Industry for approval)	
of a relief plan for the 541 area code.)	

DISPOSITION: DOCKET CLOSED

The telephone network in Oregon uses three three-digit area codes to process calls from one number to another – 503, 971 and 541. NeuStar, Inc. is the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and addresses telephone number assignment issues. On June 6, 2000, NeuStar filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon for approval of a relief plan for telephone number exhaustion in the part of Oregon using the 541 area code. The petition addressed the possibility that the seven-digit telephone numbers available to customers in the 541 area code part of the state would be exhausted. The petition was filed substantially in advance of the expected number exhaustion because NeuStar was engaged in a multi-state program to address numbering exhaustion problems.

Federal and state officials and industry representatives have been engaged in substantial efforts to address the number exhaustion problem. One significant development is that now numbers are assigned in much smaller blocks than in the past, so more numbers still will be available for future assignment. Now there is no concern that 541 area code numbers available for assignment will be exhausted for a substantial number of years.

There is no need to process NeuStar’s petition because it addresses a problem that does not now exist. The petition should be dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the petition filed by NeuStar, Inc. for relief of 541 area code telephone number exhaustion is dismissed, and the docket is closed.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Roy Hemmingway
Chairman

Lee Beyer
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.

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