

ORDER NO. 03-415

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1090

In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
QWEST CORPORATION)	
)	
Request for Waiver of FCC Months-to-Exhaust)	
Criteria and Authorization to Open Ten)	
Sequential Blocks in the 971 NPA that begin)	
with 971-NX3;)	

DISPOSITION: WAIVER GRANTED.

At its Public Meeting on July 1, 2003, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon granted Qwest Corporation's request for a waiver of the months-to-exhaust criterion for the Portland rate center. The basis for the current request is detailed in Staff's recommendation memo, attached as Appendix A.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Qwest Corporation's request for waiver of the months-to-exhaust criterion for the Portland rate center is granted.

Made, entered and effective _____.

BY THE COMMISSION:

BECKY L. BEIER
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.

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ITEM NO. CA12

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 1, 2003**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 2, 2003

DATE: June 3, 2003

TO: John Savage through Phil Nyegaard and Lance Ball

FROM: Wolodymyr Birko

SUBJECT: STATE OF OREGON NUMBERING EXPANSION: (Docket No. UM 1090)
Requests waiver of FCC months-to-exhaust criteria.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Grant Qwest's request to open ten sequential thousands blocks of telephone numbers in the 971 NPA that begin with 971-NX3 for the State of Oregon.

DISCUSSION:

The State of Oregon is making this request of Qwest as a result of the legacy Portland configuration and growth needs. The current number plan does not lend itself to a uniform dialing plan for the State. In addition, the State has insufficient number blocks to implement a plan for expanded use of DID by State agencies.

Qwest submitted a request to Neustar, the national numbering administrator, to meet the States' numbering requirements in the new 971 overlay area code. That request was denied as Qwest did not meet the months-to-exhaust threshold (MTE). The Portland rate center is currently at 184 MTE and 74% utilization. The FCC requires that a rate center be at 65% or more utilization and is at 6 months or less to exhaust before significant numbering resources can be allocated.

In its Third Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization (FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 01-362), the FCC allowed for a waiver of the rules by a State Commission when there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers.

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A letter directing Neustar to provide ten sequential blocks of numbers to Qwest in the Portland rate center should be sent to:

Neustar, Inc.
Ms Tara Farquhar
Oregon Pooling Administrator
1800 Sutter Street STE 780
Concord CA 94520

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

That Qwest's request for waiver of the months-to-exhaust criterion for the Portland rate center be granted.

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