

ORDER NO. 04-009

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1122

In the Matter of	)	
	)	ORDER
QWEST CORPORATION	)	
	)	
Bend rate center numbering expansion for	)	
T-Mobile.	)	

DISPOSITION: WAIVER GRANTED.

At its Public Meeting on January 6, 2004, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon granted Qwest Corporation's request for a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission months-to-exhaust criterion for the issuance of 1000 consecutive numbers for T-Mobile in the Bend 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 Bend rate center is granted.

Made, entered and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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**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. CA4

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 6, 2004**

REGULAR \_\_\_\_\_ CONSENT   x   EFFECTIVE DATE   January 7, 2004  

**DATE:** December 23, 2003

**TO:** Lee Sparling through Phil Nyegaard and Irv Emmons

**FROM:** Wolodymyr Birko

**SUBJECT:** QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. UM 1122) Bend rate center numbering expansion for T-Mobile.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission issue an order granting Qwest Corporation (Qwest) a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) months to exhaust criterion for the issuance of 1000 consecutive numbers for T-Mobile in the Bend rate center.

**DISCUSSION:**

Qwest submitted a Part 1A and months to exhaust (MTE) worksheet to Neustar/NANPA using their online system requesting numbering blocks to meet T-Mobile's needs. The request was denied. According to FCC requirements, to qualify for additional numbering resources, carriers must demonstrate that the rate center for which the numbers are requested is at six months or less to exhaust and is at 70% or more utilization. The Bend rate center is at 94 MTE and 83% utilization. Qwest does not qualify for additional numbers because of the MTE criterion.

The FCC allowed for a waiver of the numbering rules by a State Commission where there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers. This occurred in its Second Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization, *FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 00-429*. T-Mobile has requested 500 consecutive numbers from Qwest.

T-Mobile chose to locate a new call center in Central Oregon. This was a major win for the Oregon Economic Development Department. The governor had a press event in Central Oregon when this was announced. T-Mobile needs 500 consecutive numbers to assist in tracking and managing calls within their internal systems.

Once Neustar/NANPA receives authorization from the PUC, the minimum amount of numbers that they can release is 1000. Since T-Mobile needs 500 numbers, Qwest will use the remainder to accommodate the needs of Hospice of Bend LaPine and other users.

I recommend granting a waiver of the MTE criterion for Qwest in the Bend rate center.

**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

That an order be issued granting Qwest Corporation a waiver of the FCC's MTE criterion in the Bend rate center for T-Mobile, Hospice of Bend LaPine and other users.