

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1225

In the Matter of)
QWEST CORPORATION) ORDER
Ashland Rate Center Numbering Expansion)
)

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION FOR WAIVER APPROVED

On October 6, 2005, Qwest Corporation (Qwest) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) requesting a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements involving the Months to Exhaust (MTE) criterion for the Ashland rate center. Qwest is requesting that Neustar, the Oregon number pooling administrator, assign 1000 numbers in its ASLDOR55DS0 switch for the Ashland Community Hospital. Qwest is asking that Neustar open a sequential block of 1,000 numbers. The customer requires that the block not start with 0, 1, 6, 8, or 9.

Due to growth, the Ashland Community Hospital will be required to move from three digit extensions to four digit extensions, and due to expansion of their facility they have determined the need for the additional numbers to be able to meet customer service. Qwest examined the ASLDOR55DS0 switch to confirm that the company does not currently have in its inventory numbers necessary to meet the customer's criteria.

On December 28, 2001, the FCC released Order No. 01-362 (FCC Order). The FCC delegated authority to state commissions to hear claims that a safety valve mechanism should be applied when the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) or pooling administrator denies a specific request for numbering resources. In order to secure state commission authority for a safety valve mechanism, a carrier must make:

1. A showing that the carrier has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory.¹

OR

2. A showing that even though the safety valve mechanism should be narrowly applied to meet specific customer requests or to meet a

¹ A carrier may demonstrate such a need by providing the Commission with documentation of the customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center.

carrier's immediate numbering needs, the Commission should still consider the request from a carrier with multiple switches in a given rate center and determine whether relief is warranted on a case-by-case basis.

Qwest has made the first showing. Thus, Qwest's current request meets the requirements for a waiver of the MTE criterion. Staff recommends the Commission grant a waiver of FCC requirements involving the MTE criterion for the Ashland rate center, and the ASLDOR55DS0 switch.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Qwest Corporation's request for waiver of the Federal Communications Commission requirements involving Months to Exhaust criterion is approved.

Made, entered, and effective OCT 14 2005.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Sparling", is written over a horizontal line.

Lee Sparling
Director
Utility Program

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.