

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1196

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

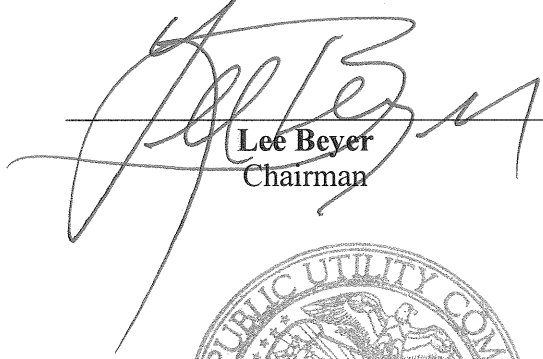
DISPOSITION: WAIVER GRANTED

At its Public Meeting on March 8, 2005, 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 1,000 consecutive numbers in the Astoria rate center for the Bank of Astoria. The basis for the current request is detailed in Staff's Report, attached as Appendix A.

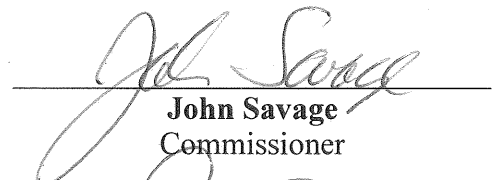
ORDER

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


Made, entered, and effective MAR 17 2005



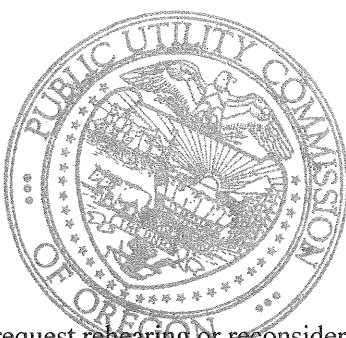
Lee Beyer
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



Ray Baum
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.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 8, 2005**

REGULAR _____ **CONSENT** X **EFFECTIVE DATE** March 9, 2005

DATE: February 24, 2005

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Wolodymyr Birko

THROUGH: Lee Sparling and Phil Nyegaard and Lance Ball

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. UM 1196) Astoria rate center numbering expansion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the request be approved.

DISCUSSION:

Qwest Corporation (Qwest) is requesting that 1,000 numbers be opened in the Astoria rate center out of the ASTROR64DSO switch in any block excluding the 0 and 9 thousands blocks. The Bank of Astoria has requested 200 sequential Direct-Inward-Dial numbers for its main branch located at 1122 Duane Street in Astoria. Qwest Corporation does not have sufficient consecutive numbers in its inventory to meet the customer's criteria.

Federal Communications Commission Order (FCC) No. FCC 01-362, Part IV, Paragraphs 47 through 66, grants state commissions the authority to grant waivers of numbering conservation requirements as a safety valve only as a last resort and, to the extent possible, as a stop gap measure to enable carriers in need of additional numbering resources to continue to serve their customers. The numbering conservation requirements are that a rate center must be at six months or less to numbering exhaust and at seventy five percent or more number utilization. A unique specific customer request that cannot be met without additional number resources is also grounds for a waiver.

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The Bank of Astoria's requirement for 200 consecutive numbers is a unique request that Qwest is unable to meet. The Astoria rate center is also at 178 months to exhaust. The 200 consecutive numbers request causes Qwest to need a waiver of the months to exhaust criterion. I think that Qwest has met the safety valve criteria in the FCC order. The minimum amount of numbers that can be granted is 1000.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Qwest Corporation be granted a waiver of the months to exhaust criterion for additional numbers because of the unique 200 consecutive number requirement.

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