

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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

DISPOSITION: APPLICATION FOR WAIVER APPROVED

On August 12, 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 Salem rate center. Qwest is requesting that Neustar, the Oregon number pooling administrator, open 10,000 numbers in the SALMOR58DS0 switch for the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon requests that the prefix 503-934 be granted to it.

The State of Oregon needs additional numbers because it is beginning a special project to implement DID dialing and billing for all telephone devices. Qwest examined the SALMOR58DS0 switch to confirm that it did not have the numbers meeting 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 carrier's immediate numbering needs, the Commission should still

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.

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 State of Oregon.

ORDER

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

Made, entered, and effective 8-23-05.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lee Sparling".

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.