

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1332

In the Matter of)	
)	ORDER
TCG Oregon)	
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Bend Rate Center Numbering Expansion.)	
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DISPOSITION: APPLICATION FOR WAIVER APPROVED

On July 24, 2007, TCG Joint Venture Holdings Inc d/b/a TCG Oregon 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 Bend rate center. TCG Oregon is requesting that NeuStar, the Oregon number pooling administrator assign a block of 1,000 numbers in the company's SALMORAEDS0 switch to allow the company to satisfy the request of its customer in Bend, Oregon for new numbers.

Related to the expansion of its business, TCG's customer requires 20 additional numbers. TCG Oregon is requesting number blocks 541-728-5XXX, 541-728-6XXX or 541-728-8XXX to satisfy this customer's request. TCG Oregon has examined its SALMORAEDS0 switch to confirm that the company does not currently have numbers available in its inventory to satisfy the customer's request.

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

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.

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 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.

TCG Oregon has made the first showing. Thus, TCG Oregon'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 Bend rate center, and the SALMORAEDS0 switch. Staff's memo is attached as Appendix A.

ORDER

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

Made, entered, and effective JUL 31 2007 .



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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

DATE: July 26, 2007

TO: File through Lee Sparling and Dave Booth *LS*

FROM: David Sloan *DS*

SUBJECT: UM 1332, TCG Joint Venture Holdings Inc d/b/a TCG Oregon: Application for waiver of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements for assignment of additional numbering resources.

On July 24, 2007, TCG Oregon¹ filed an application requesting a waiver of the FCC requirements involving the Months to Exhaust (MTE) criterion for the Bend rate center. The filing has been docketed as Docket No. UM 1332. TCG Oregon is requesting that NeuStar, the Oregon number pooling administrator, open a block of 1,000 numbers in the company's SALMORAEDS0 switch to allow the company to satisfy the request of its customer in Bend, Oregon² for new numbers.

TCG Oregon's customer is expanding and requires 20 new numbers to support the expansion. Because of PBX limitations and to avoid dial plan conflicts, the customer requires numbers from blocks that do not start with a zero (0) or a nine (9). TCG Oregon does not have numbers in its number inventory to satisfy the customer's request. TCG Oregon is requesting number blocks 541-728-5XXX, 541-728-6XXX or 541-728-8XXX to allow it to satisfy the customer's request. TCG has requested the numbers be available by August 13, 2007. The remaining 980 unassigned numbers in the requested block will go to TCG Oregon's number inventory for future assignment to customers.

On July 13, 2007, TCG Oregon requested from NeuStar the numbers to satisfy its customer. The request was immediately denied as not meeting the FCC's MTE requirements for assignment of additional numbers. According to FCC guidelines, to qualify for additional numbering resources, carriers must demonstrate that the rate center for which the numbers are requested is six months or less to exhaust, and is at 75% or more utilization. TCG Oregon included with its application a copy of the request to NeuStar, which shows that the Bend rate center is at 32 months to exhaust and is at 28.7% utilization. Since TCG Oregon's request to NeuStar does not meet the FCC guidelines, the company must get a waiver from the PUC for the additional numbers.

In FCC 01-362, dated December 28, 2001, the FCC adopted a safety valve mechanism to allow individual state commissions, under special circumstances, to hear claims of carriers when the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) or Pooling Administrator denies a specific request for numbering resources. In the order, the FCC adopted one specific safety valve for "carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds

¹ In Order No. 98-178, Docket CP 409, dated May 4, 1998, the Oregon Public Utility Commission (PUC) granted TCG Oregon's petition to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications service, and designated the company as a competitive telecommunications provider for local exchange service in a number of Oregon exchanges, including the Bend exchange.

² The carrier considers the customer's name proprietary information.

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their [the carrier's] available inventory;" a second safety valve was approved for "carriers experiencing rapid growth in a given rate area;" and thirdly, the FCC, in its order, gives states "some flexibility to direct the NANPA or Pooling Administrator to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources" that don't meet the criteria for the two safety valves. See FCC 01-362, paragraphs 61 through 66.

TCG Oregon's application meets the requirements of the FCC's first safety valve, "carriers that receive a specific customer request for numbering resources that exceeds their [the carrier's] available inventory." Consequently, the commission should approve TCG Oregon's request for waiver of the FCC requirements involving MTE criterion. A proposed order has been prepared for Lee Sparling's signature.

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