

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: CAROLEE HALL

DATE: MAY 27, 2015

RE: QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC (“CENTURYLINK”) PETITION FOR A WAIVER OF FCC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR NUMBERING RESOURCES IN IDAHO’S POCATELLO RATE CENTER; CASE NO. QWE-T-15-04.

BACKGROUND

On April 29, 2015, the Commission received a revised petition for a waiver of numbering resource guidelines from Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (“CenturyLink”). In this petition, CenturyLink indicated that it will be providing a new service to customers that will require a one thousands block of sequential numbers. The waiver was filed following Neustar’s denial of the Company’s Application for additional numbering resources in the Pocatello rate center.

In April, 2015, the Company filed its request with Neustar and the Application was denied due to the “Months To Exhaust” (MTE) calculation for the rate center. According to the report, the MTE for the Pocatello rate center exceeds the FCC guidelines.¹

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff contacted CenturyLink to discuss its specific request. During its investigation, Staff found that there are 87 one-thousands blocks available in the pool for the rate center. Because there are a sufficient number of blocks available in the Pocatello rate center, staff believes that

¹ To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NPA-NXX) for growth, “Months to Exhaust” must be less than or equal to 6 months. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15 (g)(3)(iii)).

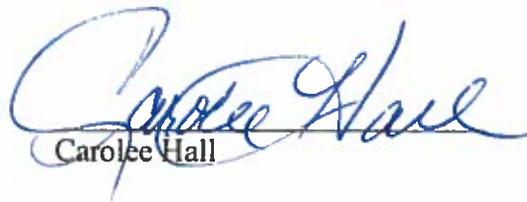
allowing the Company to obtain a sequential thousands block will not compromise the resources available as it continues to optimize the 208 area code resource in that region.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff appreciates CenturyLink's efforts to explain the technology and routing of calls for this request. Staff recommends that the waiver request for one thousand sequential numbers be granted to CenturyLink for its customers in the Pocatello rate center.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?



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