

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF)	
QWEST CORPORATION DBA)	CASE NO. QWE-T-11-07
CENTURYLINK QC FOR A WAIVER OF)	
FCC THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS FOR)	
NUMBERING RESOURCES FOR NAMPA,)	ORDER NO. 32326
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On August 5, 2011, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC (Qwest) filed a request for a waiver of number assignment requirements relating to an application the Company previously filed with NeuStar, the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA). Qwest received a request for additional numbers from a customer served by the Nampa, Idaho, rate center. Qwest reviewed the customer's request and determined it did not have the appropriate numbering resources available within the Nampa rate center. On August 2, 2011, Qwest submitted a 1,000-block application form to NeuStar to satisfy the request of the customer for additional numbers to meet the customer's business needs. NeuStar denied the request due to the months to exhaust and/or usage threshold calculations for the Nampa rate center. Qwest's Application filed with the Commission includes the request filed with NeuStar as a confidential document.

Qwest's Application asserts that the denial by NeuStar triggers the waiver process as outlined in Federal Communications Commission Numbering Optimization Orders. The FCC permits a waiver of the kind requested by Qwest when there is a demonstrated need, such as a specific customer request for numbers. FCC Orders delegate authority to hear requests for waivers to state commissions and recommends that commissions act expeditiously.

Staff reviewed Qwest's waiver Application and the available number resources in the Nampa rate center, and contacted Qwest to discuss the customer's specific request. After discussions with Qwest and the customer, it was determined that the customer can use the 208-505-2 block (1,000 telephone numbers), avoiding the need to open a complete code (10,000 telephone numbers). This decision will help preserve 10,000 numbers in the Idaho 208 area code inventory.

Staff reviewed the request for waiver of the “months to exhaust” threshold requirements and notes that the Qwest customer is a single entity that needs these numbers as a result of expansion of its business. These numbers will be held solely by this requesting customer, enabling it to expand its business and meet its specific customer needs in the Nampa community. Staff recommended the Commission approve Qwest’s requested waiver and that 1,000 consecutive numbers, specifically NPA NXX X (208-505-2), be released to Qwest for its Nampa customer.

After reviewing Qwest’s Application and Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds it appropriate to approve the waiver request filed by Qwest. The requested number assignment is necessary for Qwest to meet the needs of its customer, and granting the request will facilitate the business expansion of the customer. Accordingly, the Commission finds it reasonable to direct that NeuStar release the NPA NXX X (208-505-2) block to Qwest to meet the business expansion needs of its customer in Nampa, Idaho.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Qwest’s request for a waiver of the FCC’s Numbering Optimization Requirement is approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NeuStar release the NPA NXX X (208-505-2) number block in the Nampa, Idaho wire center to Qwest to satisfy the request of a Qwest customer.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. See *Idaho Code* § 61-626.

DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho this 18th
day of August 2011.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

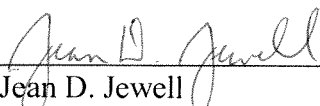


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