

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
CONSIDERATION OF TELEPHONE SAFETY
VALVE REQUESTS AND OTHER NUMBER
RESOURCE RELATED FILINGS.

CASE No. 10-884-TP-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 12, 2017

{¶ 1} On December 28, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released its Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket 99-200, *Numbering Resource Optimization*. At paragraph 61 of this Order, the FCC delegated authority to the states to hear claims that a safety valve mechanism should be applied when the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) or the Pooling Administrator (PA) denies a specific request for numbering resources. Furthermore, the FCC clarified that the safety valve mechanism could be employed in those instances where a carrier is unable to meet a specific customer need or other verifiable need for additional resources.

{¶ 2} On July 5, 2017, MCI metroAccess Transmission Services Corp. d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon Business) filed a petition for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, Verizon Business represents that on June 20, 2017, it submitted a request to the PA for two new one-thousand-number blocks, in a specified format, in the Cincinnati Ohio rate center.¹ According to the attachments accompanying Verizon's Business' petition for review, the PA refused to grant Verizon Business' request because Verizon Business does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

{¶ 3} Verizon Business explains that its customer, US Bancorp National Association in Cincinnati, Ohio (US Bancorp), has requested 1600 consecutive numbers,

¹ Verizon Business' petition for review indicates that the June 20, 2017 request to the PA was made in the name of Verizon Business' predecessor, Intermedia Communications Inc.-OH; but that Verizon Business is now the provider of service to the customer involved, US Bancorp.

in a specified format, in the Cincinnati, Ohio rate center, which it needs in order to accomplish its strategic plan to centralize voice services offered from its contact center located in Cincinnati. Verizon Business submits that it cannot from its existing inventory, satisfy the specific need of its customer, US Bancorp, for 1,600 numbers in the format specified.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued on November 7, 2002, in Case No. 97-884-TP-COI, the Commission, on its own motion, delegated to its legal department the authority to rule, by examiner's entry, on carrier numbering requests, other than those seeking reclamation of entire NXX codes or of particular one-thousand-number blocks.

{¶ 5} After a review of Verizon Business' petition, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(4), has demonstrated a verifiable need for the requested numbering resources and that it has exhausted all other remedies. In reaching this determination, the attorney examiner recognizes Verizon Business' need, in the involved rate center, for two new one-thousand-number blocks, in a specified format, in order to meet the needs of a specific customer. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Verizon Business' petition for additional numbering resources in the Cincinnati rate center should be overturned and NANPA should assign two new one-thousand-number blocks that meet the identified needs of Verizon Business' customer in the Cincinnati rate center. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, Verizon Business shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That Verizon Business' request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources is granted as described in Paragraph (5). It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That should the forecasted demand for the requested telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented, Verizon Business shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Verizon Business.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that grants a request to review and overturn the Pooling Administrator's earlier decision to deny numbering resources. Entry electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Daniel E. Fullin, Attorney Examiner.