

## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Investigation into )  
Telephone Numbering and Number ) Case No. 97-884-TP-COI  
Assignment Procedures. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (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 March 10, 2008, Verizon North, Inc. (Verizon) filed a Motion for Review of a Decision of the PA. In its filing, Verizon explains that on March 5, 2008, it submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of eight blocks of one thousand telephone numbers in the Delaware rate center in order to serve CITI Technology Infrastructure (CITI) a division of Citigroup. According to Verizon, CITI requested eight blocks in order to have eight thousand sequential direct inward dial (DID) telephone numbers that are compatible with the customer's dialing plan. Verizon attached a letter from the customer to support its need for the consecutive numbers in order to consolidate its telecommunication resources into a central location in the Delaware rate center with a uniform numbering plan.

According to Verizon, it submitted a request for these additional thousands-blocks because it does not have the requested eight thousand sequential numbers in the Delaware rate center. Verizon states that currently the 740-834-1000 through 740-834-9999 telephone numbers are available on the PA's website for assignment. According to Attachment B, the PA refused to grant This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business.

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Verizon's request inasmuch as Verizon's current number inventory exceeds six months to exhaust and Verizon's current utilization of 68.04 percent is less than the FCC's requirement of 75 percent utilization.

- (3) Pursuant to the Commission's Entry of November 7, 2002, in this case, the Commission, on its own motion, delegated the authority to rule on carrier numbering requests, other than an order to reclaim a code or thousands-block, to the Legal Department pursuant to an attorney examiner's entry.
- (4) After a review of Verizon's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has demonstrated a legitimate need for eight blocks of one thousand contiguous telephone numbers in order to meet a verifiable need for number resources in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4).
- (5) In reaching this determination, the attorney examiner recognizes Verizon's need for blocks of telephone numbers that will be compatible with its customer's specific dialing plan and will allow for consolidation and expansion of CITI's operations at its Delaware, Ohio location. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Verizon's application for additional numbering resources in the Delaware rate center should be overturned and the PA should assign to Verizon the requested eight blocks of one thousand contiguous telephone numbers.
- (6) In the event that the need for the requested blocks of telephone numbers does not occur in the manner represented by the applicant, the unused thousands-blocks should be donated to the number pool in the Delaware rate center.

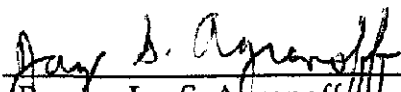
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Verizon's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested blocks of telephone numbers is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That should the forecasted demand for the requested blocks not occur in the manner represented, they will be returned to the applicable pool consistent with this Entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon the applicant and all interested entities of record.

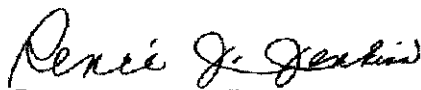
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