

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's )  
Consideration of Telephone Safety )  
Valve Requests and Other Number ) Case No. 10-884-TP-UNC  
Resource Related Filings. )

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 November 8, 2011, Frontier North, Inc. (Frontier) filed a motion for review of a decision of the PA to deny Frontier's request for numbering resources. In its filing, Frontier explains that, on October 28, 2011, it submitted a request with the PA for the assignment of 2 blocks of one thousand sequential telephone numbers in the Delaware rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request.

Frontier states that its customer, CITI, requested 2,000 consecutive numbers in order to expand its current telecommunications system to allow CITI to accommodate additional call center traffic through its data center located in Delaware. Frontier attached a letter from its customer stating its immediate need for the requested telephone numbers at its Delaware location.

Frontier represents that it is unable with its existing inventory to meet the customer's request for 2,000 consecutive numbers. According to the attachments accompanying Frontier's motion, the

PA refused to grant Frontier's request for additional number resources in the Delaware rate center on grounds that Frontier did not meet the rate center-based months-to-exhaust criteria set forth in the Central Office Code Guidelines established by the FCC.

- (3) Pursuant to the Commission's Entry of November 7, 2002, in Case No. 97-884-TP-COI, the Commission, on its own motion, delegated to the Legal Department the authority to rule, by attorney examiner's entry, on carrier numbering requests other than those seeking reclamation of entire NXX codes or particular one thousand number blocks.
- (4) After a review of Frontier's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4), demonstrated a legitimate need for the requested two blocks of one thousand telephone numbers in the Delaware rate center in order to meet a verifiable need for number resources.

In reaching this determination, the attorney examiner recognizes Frontier's need for two blocks of one thousand telephone numbers to accommodate CITI's anticipated growth in the Delaware rate center. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Frontier's application for additional numbering resources in the Delaware rate center should be overturned and the PA should assign to Frontier the requested block of telephone numbers. Should the forecasted demand for the requested blocks of telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented by the applicant, the unused blocks should be donated to the number pool in the Delaware rate center.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Frontier's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources is granted as described in Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That should the forecasted demand for the requested blocks of telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented by the applicant, the unused blocks should be donated to the number pool in the Delaware rate center, 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.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

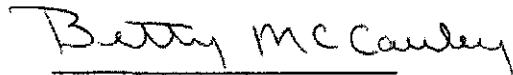


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