

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's )  
Consideration of Telephone Safety Valve ) Case No. 10-884-TP-UNC  
Requests and Other Number 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 December 22, 2011, Chillicothe Telephone Company (CTC) filed a request for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, CTC explains that it recently submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of ten blocks of one thousand sequential telephone numbers in the Chillicothe rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request.

CTC states that its customer, Adena Health System (Adena), has requested 10,000 sequential direct inward dial DID telephone numbers in order to accommodate growth at its location in the Chillicothe rate center in a manner compatible with its current telecommunications system. CTC has attached a letter from Adena verifying its need for telephone numbers.

CTC represents that it is unable with its existing inventory to meet the customer's request for 10,000 consecutive numbers. According to attachments accompanying CTC's motion, the PA refused to grant CTC's request for additional number resources in the Chillicothe rate center because CTC does not meet the months-to-

exhaust and or utilization requirements necessary in order to obtain numbering resources.

- (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 CTC'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 ten blocks of one thousand consecutive telephone numbers in the Chillicothe rate center in order to meet a verifiable need for number resources.

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

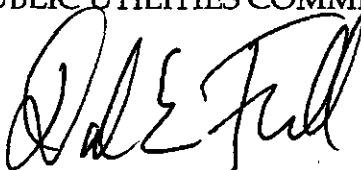
It is, therefore,

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

ORDERED, That should the forecasted demand for the requested block of telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented by the applicant, the unused block should, consistent with this entry, be donated to the number pool in the Chillicothe rate center. 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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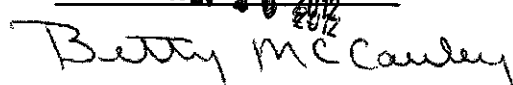


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