

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 July 9, 2012, CenturyTel of Ohio Inc. dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed a Request for Review of a Decision of the PA. In its filing, CenturyLink explains that, on July 3, 2012, it submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of one thousands-block of telephone numbers in the Lorain rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request.

According to the attachments accompanying CenturyLink's motion, the PA denied CenturyLink's request for additional number resources in the Lorain rate center because CenturyLink does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

CenturyLink states that its customer, Mercy Regional Medical Center (Mercy), requested 1,000 consecutive numbers due to office changes and a system upgrade. A letter from Mercy stating its need for the specific requested telephone numbers

has been attached to CenturyLink's application in this case. In that letter, Mercy states that the handling of its incoming calls would be more efficient if its numbers were in one prefix. Further, Mercy has specifically requested a thousands-block from 440-222-4000 through 440-222-4999. CenturyLink represents that it is unable to meet the customer's request for 1000 consecutive numbers, with its existing inventory.

- (3) By entry issued 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.
- (4) After a review of CenturyLink's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has demonstrated a legitimate need for the requested blocks of telephone numbers in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(4), and that it has exhausted all other remedies.

In reaching this determination, the attorney examiner recognizes CenturyLink's need for one block of one thousand telephone numbers to accommodate the needs of a specific customer. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny CenturyLink's application for additional numbering resources in the Lorain rate center should be overturned. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, the unused telephone numbers are to be donated to the number pool in the Lorain rate center.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That CenturyLink'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 numbering resources not occur in the manner represented, CenturyLink shall, consistent with this entry, return to the numbering pool of the Lorain rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources. 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

s/Daniel Fullin

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordered, that CenturyTel of Ohio Inc. dba CenturyLink's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources be granted as described in Finding (4); that, should the forecasted demand for the requested numbering resources not occur in the manner represented, CenturyLink shall, consistent with this entry, return to the numbering pool of the Lorain rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources. - electronically filed by Ms. Sandra M. Coffey on behalf of Daniel Fullin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio