

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 February 19, 2013, MCImetro Access Transmission Services d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon) filed a motion for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, Verizon explains that, on February 13, 2013, it submitted a request with the PA for the assignment of a single thousands-block of telephone numbers in the Akron rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request.

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

Verizon states that its customer, Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. Inc. (Progressive), has requested 160 consecutive DID numbers for its Akron, Ohio claims center in order to meet its need for numbers that will allow for

current dial plan integration and national implementation of Progressive's upgraded VoIP phone systems. Verizon attached a letter from Progressive stating its need for the specific requested telephone numbers. Verizon represents that it is unable, with its existing inventory, to meet the customer's request for 160 consecutive telephone numbers in the Akron Exchange.

- (3) 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.
- (4) After a review of Verizon's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has demonstrated a legitimate need for the requested single thousands-block 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 Verizon's need for the requested thousands-block of telephone numbers in order to satisfy a specific customer's request. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Verizon's application for additional numbering resources in the Akron rate center should be overturned. In the event that the forecasted demand for the numbers does not occur in the manner represented, the unused telephone numbers are to be donated to the number pool in the Akron rate center.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Verizon'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, Verizon shall, consistent with this entry, return to the number pool of the Akron 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

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants Verizon Access Transmission Services' request to review and overturn Pooling Administrator's earlier decision to deny numbering resources. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Daniel Fullin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio