

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Investigation into )  
Telephone Numbering and Number ) Case No. 10-884-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 4, 2013, Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint") filed a motion for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, Sprint represents that on March 1, 2013, it submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of a thousands-block in the Ravenna rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request. According to the attachments accompanying Sprint's motion, the PA refused to grant Sprint's request for additional number resources in the Ravenna rate center because the months-to-exhaust for the company's numbering resources in this rate center exceeds the FCC's requirement of six months-to-exhaust and because the company's percent of utilization falls below the FCC's requirement of seventy-five percent.

Sprint explains that the thousands-block is necessary to fulfill a request from Sprint's wholesale customer, Time Warner Cable. Time Warner Cable has submitted a letter, attached to Sprint's motion, indicating it has a pending business customer

that requires a block of 200 sequential telephone numbers beginning with xx00 and ending with xx99 for direct inward dialing, specifically the 4xxx block if possible.

Based on the parameters of its customer's requirements, Sprint represents that it is unable to meet its customer's request for 200 sequential telephone numbers in the Ravenna Exchange with its existing inventory.

- (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 Sprint's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has demonstrated a legitimate need for the requested thousands-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 Sprint's need for 200 sequential telephone numbers that will be compatible with a specific customer's request. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Sprint's application for additional numbering resources in the Ravenna rate center should be overturned and Sprint should be assigned the thousands-block that meets its needs. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, the unused telephone numbers are to be donated to the numbering pool in the Ravenna rate center.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Sprint'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 telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented, Sprint shall, consistent with this entry, return to the number pool of the Ravenna rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Sprint.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants a request to review and overturn the 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