

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Investigation into )  
Telephone Numbering and Number ) Case No. 10-884-TP-UNC  
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 May 30, 2013, AT&T Ohio filed a motion for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, AT&T represents that on May 16, 2013, it submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of a new NXX code in the Grove City rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request. According to the attachments accompanying AT&T Ohio's motion, the PA refused to grant AT&T Ohio's request for additional number resources in the Grove City rate center because AT&T Ohio does not meet the months-to-exhaust and utilization criteria established by the FCC.

AT&T Ohio explains that its customer, Mount Carmel Health Care System (Mount Carmel), has requested a block of 5,000 consecutive telephone numbers to service its new medical campus in Grove City. An Ambulatory Building and a Medical Office Building are expected to be completed by November 2013 and plans for a full service hospital are under development. There is an immediate need for approximately

500 numbers for the Ambulatory Building and the Medical Office. The remainder of the numbers will be utilized by the full service hospital.

Based on the parameters of its customer's requirements, AT&T Ohio represents that it is unable with its existing inventory to meet Mount Carmel's needs. Neither are five consecutive, uncontaminated blocks available for assignment from the Number pool Inventory. Consequently, AT&T Ohio requested the PA to assign a new NXX code and allocate five blocks for use by Mount Carmel in the Grove City rate center.

- (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 AT&T Ohio's motion, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant has demonstrated a legitimate need for the requested NXX code 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 AT&T Ohio's need for an entire NXX code that will be compatible with a specific customer's need to service its new medical campus in Grove City. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny AT&T Ohio's application for additional numbering resources in the Grove City rate center should be overturned and AT&T Ohio should be assigned a new NXX code that meets its needs. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, AT&T Ohio shall return to the numbering pool in the Grove City rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AT&T Ohio'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, AT&T Ohio shall, consistent with this entry, return to the numbering pool in the Grove City rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon AT&T Ohio.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Daniel Fullin

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants AT&T Ohio's 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