

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 March 24, 2014, Frontier North Inc. ("Frontier") filed a motion for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, Frontier represents that on March 13, 2014, it submitted a request to the PA for the assignment of one thousands-block of telephone numbers in the Brunswick rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request. According to the attachments accompanying Frontier's motion, the PA refused to grant Frontier's request for additional number resources in the Brunswick rate center because Frontier does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

Frontier explains that a customer, Cleveland Clinic, has requested assignment of one thousand sequential direct inward dial telephone numbers as part of Cleveland Clinic's installation of a new Primary Rate Interface (PRI) system at its Brunswick, Ohio location. According to Frontier, the customer has stated that the assigned numbers will allow Cleveland Clinic to use its existing internal extension numbers as their PRI

numbers to avoid having to renumber all of the customer's internal extensions. Based on the parameters of its customer's requirements, Frontier represents that it is unable with its existing inventory to meet Cleveland Clinic's numbering resource needs.

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

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Frontier'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, Frontier shall, consistent with this Entry, return to the numbering pool in the Brunswick rate center, the applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Frontier.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Jeffrey R. Jones

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants Frontier's request to review and overturn the Pooling Administrator's earlier decision to deny numbering resources; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio