

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 November 12, 2015, CenturyTel of Ohio Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed a petition for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, CenturyLink represents that it recently submitted a request to the PA for a one-thousand-number block in the Avon, Ohio rate center in order to satisfy a specific customer's request. According to the attachments accompanying CenturyLink's petition, the PA refused to grant CenturyLink's request because CenturyLink does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

CenturyLink explains that it submitted its request for the additional numbers to the PA as a result of a request it received from a customer that needs 500 consecutive numbers for use within their large facility complex. CenturyLink represents that it is unable, with its existing inventory, to meet its customer's numbering resource needs in the Avon 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 CenturyLink's petition, the attorney examiner believes that the applicant, in accordance with 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(4), has demonstrated a verifiable need for the requested numbering resources and that it has exhausted all other remedies.

In reaching this determination, the attorney examiner recognizes CenturyLink's need for a one-thousand-number block in the Avon, Ohio rate center in order to satisfy the numbering resource 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 Avon, Ohio rate center should be overturned and CenturyLink should be assigned a one-thousand-number block in the Avon, Ohio rate center in order to meet the numbering resource needs of its specific customer. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, CenturyLink shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources.

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 telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented, CenturyLink shall return to the numbering pool all applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that grants a request to review and overturn the Pooling Administrator's earlier decision to deny numbering resources - electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Daniel E. Fullin, Attorney Examiner.