

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S
CONSIDERATION OF TELEPHONE SAFETY
VALVE REQUESTS AND OTHER NUMBER
RESOURCE RELATED FILINGS.

CASE NO. 10-884-TP-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 26, 2018

{¶ 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 January 22, 2018, Windstream Western Reserve, LLC (Windstream) filed a petition for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, Windstream represents that on January 5, 2018, it submitted a request to the PA for a one-thousand-number block in the Little Hocking rate center. According to the attachments accompanying Windstream's petition, the PA refused to grant Windstream's request because Windstream does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

{¶ 3} Windstream explains that, as a result of a project funded through the FCC's Connect America Fund Phase 2, it is deploying a new packet switch in the Little Hocking rate center. Windstream submits that it needs a one-thousand-number NXX block for the Little Hocking rate center to establish the local routing number (LRN) for the new switch.

Windstream represents that it does not have any one-thousand-number blocks available in its inventory, to transfer to the new switch.

{¶ 4} 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.

{¶ 5} After a review of Windstream'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 Windstream's need, in the involved rate center, for a new one-thousand-number block to establish a LRN for its new switch. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny Windstream's petition for additional numbering resources in the Little Hocking rate center should be overturned and NANPA should assign a new one-thousand-number block that meets Windstream's needs in establishing, in the Little Hocking rate center, an LRN for its new switch. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, Windstream shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That Windstream's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources is granted as described in Paragraph 5. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That should the forecasted demand for the requested telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented, Windstream shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources. It is, further,

{¶ 9} That a copy of this Entry be served upon Windstream.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Windstream's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources as described in Paragraph 5 and if the forecasted demand for the requested telephone numbers not occur in the manner represented, Windstream shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Daniel Fullin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio