

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 March 13, 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 February 20, 2018, Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC (CBET) filed a petition for review of a decision of the PA. In its filing, CBET represents that on February 20, 2018, it submitted a request to the PA for three contiguous one-thousand-number blocks of telephone numbers in the Mason rate center. According to the attachments accompanying CBET's petition, the PA refused to grant CBET's request because CBET does not meet the months-to-exhaust and/or utilization criteria established by the FCC.

{¶ 3} CBET explains that its customer, Mercy Health, is in the process of adding 1,000 to 2,000 additional employees, to handle call center and revenue cycle management functions, at its Mercy Mason Campus in Mason, Ohio. These new employees will join the over 1,200 employees currently working on that Campus. For this reason, Mercy Health has requested 3,000 new contiguous telephone numbers, in a specified

format that will enable Mercy Health to maintain its current uniform numbering plan at its Mason Campus, to be used both as lines for these additional employees and for administrative functions. CBET submits that it cannot from its existing Mason rate center inventory, satisfy the specific need of its customer, Mercy Health, for 3,000 contiguous telephone numbers in the format specified.

{¶ 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 CBET'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 CBET's need, in the involved rate center, for three new one-thousand-number blocks to meet a specific business need of one of its customers. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the PA's decision to deny CBT's petition for additional numbering resources in the Mason rate center should be overturned and NANPA should assign the requested numbers in the Mason rate center to CBET for use by Mercy Health in meeting the identified need of that customer. In the event that the forecasted demand does not occur in the manner represented, CBET shall return to the numbering pool in the involved rate center, all applicable unused numbering resources.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That CBET'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, CBET 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 CBET.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Daniel Fullin

By: Daniel E. Fullin
Attorney Examiner

JRJ/sc

This foregoing document was electronically filed with the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on

3/13/2018 2:59:37 PM

in

Case No(s). 10-0884-TP-UNC

Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting CBET's request to overturn the PA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources as described in Paragraph 5 electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Daniel Fullin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio