

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 4, 2021

{¶ 1} On March 3, 2021, Teleport Communications America, LLC, a subsidiary of AT&T Inc. (AT&T), filed a petition seeking a review of the North American Numbering Pool Administrator's (NANPA) denial of AT&T's request for numbering resources to meet a specific customer's request that AT&T cannot fulfill using its existing numbering resources. Specifically, AT&T requests that the Commission overturn the NANPA's decision and direct it to assign the requested block.

{¶ 2} In its filing, AT&T represents that, on February 22, 2021, it filed a request with the NANPA seeking a one thousand block of telephone numbers in the Avon rate center in order to meet an existing customer's specific request for 300 consecutive numbers, from an NXX code that does not end in 0, 1, or 9, that will be utilized to facilitate the customer's business expansion into new facilities under construction within the involved rate center. According to the attachments accompanying AT&T's petition for review, the NANPA refused to grant AT&T's request because AT&T does not meet the utilization criteria established by the Federal Communications Commission.

{¶ 3} AT&T submits that, although it has adequate telephone numbers in the involved rate center to satisfy incremental requests without receiving additional numbers, nevertheless, its existing numbering inventory cannot satisfy the customer's specific need for the 300 consecutive numbers of the type requested. Therefore, AT&T needs to obtain the number block in order to satisfy the customer's request. The Industry pool for the Avon rate center does not have any numbers and so a new code needs to be opened. AT&T proposes to take one block and the remaining seven blocks will replenish the pool.

{¶ 4} Consistent with 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g), a state commission may overturn the NANPA's decision based on a determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for the requested numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies.

{¶ 5} 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.

{¶ 6} After a review of AT&T's petition, the attorney examiner believes that AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for its request for a one thousand block of telephone numbers and that it has exhausted all other remedies. Granting the request will enable AT&T to meet the specific needs of its customer for telephone resources. For this reason, the attorney examiner finds that the NANPA's decision to deny AT&T's request for additional numbering resources in the Avon rate center should be overturned and the NANPA should assign a one thousand number block that will allow AT&T to meet its customer's need for numbers.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That AT&T's request to overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources is granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon AT&T.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting AT&T's request to overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold the requested numbering resources. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Daniel E. Fullin, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio