

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF THE MIDWEST, INC.	DOCKET NO. WRU-05-12-290
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued March 21, 2005)

On March 11, 2005, AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc. (AT&T), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements for the Sioux City, Iowa, rate center. The requirements are outlined in various orders of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) relating to optimization of telephone numbering resources.

Qwest states it received a request from a corporate customer for a block of consecutive numbers that does not begin with the numbers "0," "1," or "9." AT&T states that it does not have the sequential numbers to fulfill the customer's request without a new block of 1,000 numbers. On February 22, 2005, AT&T submitted a request for a new block of 1,000 numbers to NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar), the National Pooling Plan Administrator (Pooling Administrator). When applying for a block of 1,000 numbers, the FCC requires that a carrier must show that it has a minimum utilization rate of 75 percent and six-months or less inventory of numbers. The

Pooling Administrator denied AT&T's request because AT&T was unable to meet either of these requirements.

The FCC has given states the authority to overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier based on the state's determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all available remedies. (See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)). In addition, the FCC states that carriers may demonstrate the need for additional numbering resources by providing the state with documentation of a customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center. (FCC 01-362, ¶ 64). The FCC is careful to point out, however, that states may not accommodate requests for specific numbers (i.e., vanity numbers), but may grant requests for customers seeking contiguous blocks of numbers. (Id.) Therefore, a statement by the carrier regarding the types of numbers being requested is necessary.

The information filed by AT&T in support of its request satisfies the requirements specified in the FCC's orders delegating waiver authority to the Board. AT&T has provided documentation of its customer's request for the 1,000 consecutive numbers as well as statements regarding number utilization in the Sioux City rate center.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The request for waiver of the FCC's utilization threshold requirements filed by AT&T Communications of the Midwest, Inc., on March 11, 2005, is granted as discussed in the body of this order.

2. The Executive Secretary of the Utilities Board shall mail a copy of this order to NeuStar, Inc., 1800 Sutter Street, Suite 780, Concord, CA 94520, to the attention of Ms. Tara Farquhar, Pooling Administrator.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of March, 2005.