

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a)
AT&T Missouri For Review and Reversal)
Of North American Number Plan)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold)
Numbering Resources.)
)

Case No. IO-2007-0206

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its recommendation states:

1. On November 30, 2006, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri (AT&T) filed its Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment seeking review and reversal of the decision of the Pooling Administrator, NeuStar, Inc. to withhold certain numbering resources. AT&T asserts it needs these numbers to provide service to a customer moving from one location to another in the 314 NPA. AT&T's customer is requesting a new block of 500 contiguous numbers in the St. Louis rate center. To meet this need, AT&T requested one block of 1,000 numbers.

2. The Pooling Administrator had denied AT&T's request on the grounds that AT&T had not met the standard set forth in 47 C.F.R. 52.15(A)(iii)(B)(h), which states that an applicant must demonstrate that 75% of the numbers assigned to it in the rate center are currently in use.

3. The Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from AT&T if the Commission determines that AT&T has

demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

4. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Without an order from the Commission approving AT&T's request to receive the desired block in the St. Louis rate center, AT&T will be unable to meet the needs of its customer. The Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order overturning the Pooling Administrator's decision.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission, at its earliest convenience, issue an order that:

- (1) determines that AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies; and
- (2) reverses the decision of the Pooling Administrator and approves AT&T's request to receive one block of 1,000 contiguous numbers for the requested telephone numbers of (314)933-7000 through 7999 in the St. Louis rate center.

Respectfully submitted,

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