

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri)
for Review and Reversal of North American)
Number Plan Thousands-Block Pooling)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering)
Resources)

File No. IO-2018-0218

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation in this matter states as follows:

1. On February 7, 2018, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an application under 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(3)(iv) requesting that the Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., to withhold certain numbering resources from AT&T Missouri to support the expanding telecommunications needs of St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. More specifically, St. Luke's is expanding its voice network to serve its health system in the greater Kansas City area and is in need of additional numbering resources that would be consistent with St. Luke's larger voice network serving its entire health system across the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. To accommodate its needs, St. Luke's is in need of 500 consecutive numbers within the 816-XX1-XXXX range of 6000 or 7000. AT&T has no numbering resources meeting the criteria and therefore, requests a one-thousands block from which these 500 numbers can be drawn.

2. AT&T states it cannot meet the requirements of its request from its current inventory or in any other manner. NANPA denied its request for the additional telephone numbers based on AT&T's failure to meet the months-to-exhaust criteria and/or its inability to meet the guidelines pertaining to current telephone number utilization.

3. Staff has examined AT&T's request and supporting documentation. In Staff's opinion, AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional telephone numbers and complied with 4 CSR 240-37.040. Staff recommends the Commission approve AT&T's request and order a reversal of the NANPA decision to deny the additional numbers.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that:

(1). Determines AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies; and

(2). Overturns the decision of the Pooling Administrator and grants AT&T Missouri's request for telephone numbers in the designated area; and

(3) Contains the following language:

Grant AT&T Missouri's request for 500 consecutive numbers within the 816 NPA, with a XX1-XXXX range of 6000 or 7000, in the Kansas City, Missouri rate center. This decision reverses a recent decision by the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator denying AT&T Missouri's original request.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 21st day of February, 2018, to all counsel of record.

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