

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 26th day of
April, 2023.

In the Matter of the Application of Teleport)
Communications America, LLC for Review)
and Reversal of North American Number Plan) **File No. LO-2023-0246**
Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator's)
Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources)

**ORDER OVERTURNING NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: April 26, 2023

Effective Date: May 6, 2023

On February 1, 2023,¹ Teleport Communications America, LLC (Teleport), filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA). NANPA denied Teleport's application to obtain 2,000 consecutive numbers within the 557 Numbering Plan Area (NPA), in the Kirkwood rate center, and the 557-XXX-XXXX range of 3000-8000. The additional numbers are needed to meet the needs of Mercy Technology Services.

On April 10, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed.

¹ All dates refer to 2023.

Staff explained that Teleport does not have the number resources needed to meet the needs of Mercy Technology Services. Staff believes Teleport has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional phone numbers. Staff recommended the Commission grant Teleport's request.

The Commission has the authority to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(5), which states in part, "The state commission also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies."

Based on Teleport's application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Teleport has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission will overturn NANPA's decision and grant Teleport's request for 2,000 consecutive numbers within the 557 NPA, the Kirkwood rate center, and the range of 3000-8000. This decision reverses a recent decision by the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator denying Teleport's original request.

Since the application is unopposed and the Federal Communications Commission "direct[s] states to act on carrier requests for a safety valve as expeditiously as possible"², the Commission finds it reasonable to allow this order to go into effect in less than thirty days.

² In re Numbering Resource Optimization Implementation of Local Competition Provisions of Telecommunications Act of 1996, 17 F.C.C. Rcd. 252, 282 (2001).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from Teleport is overturned.
2. Teleport's request for 2,000 consecutive numbers within the 557 NPA, the Kirkwood rate center, and the range of 3000-8000 is granted. This decision reverses a recent decision by the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator denying Teleport's original request.
3. This order shall become effective on May 6, 2023.
4. This file may be closed on May 7, 2023.

BY THE COMMISSION



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Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, and
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 26th day of April, 2023.



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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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