

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2023.

In the Matter of the Application of MCIMetro )  
Access Transmission Services Corp d/b/a )  
Verizon Access Transmission Services for )  
Review and Reversal of North American )  
Number Plan Thousands-Block Pooling )  
Administrator's Decision to Withhold )  
Numbering Resources )

**File No. LO-2023-0380**

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

Issue Date: June 5, 2023

Effective Date: June 15, 2023

On May 5, 2023,<sup>1</sup> MCIMetro Access Transmission Services Corp d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon Access), 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 Verizon Access' application to obtain 1,500 contiguous Direct Inward Dialing (DID) numbers in the 314 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) St. Louis rate center to implement new phone service to their Microsoft Teams environment via direct routing. The numbering resources are needed to meet the needs of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), in St. Louis, Missouri. Verizon Access requested a decision by the Commission on an expedited basis.

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<sup>1</sup> All dates refer to 2023 unless otherwise stated.

On May 23, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed.

Staff explained that Verizon Access does not have the number resources needed to meet the needs of USDA. Staff believes Verizon Access has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional phone numbers. Verizon Access' application seeks numbers in the 314 area code. Due to an exhaust in the 314 area code and the overlay of the 557 area code in this area, the 1,500 consecutive numbers will need to be assigned from the 557 area code. Staff recommended the Commission grant Verizon Access' request for 1,500 consecutive numbers within the 557 NPA, in the St. Louis rate center.

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 Verizon Access' application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Verizon Access has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission will overturn NANPA's decision and grant Verizon Access' request for 1,500 consecutive numbers within the 557 NPA, in the St. Louis rate center. This decision reverses a recent decision by the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator denying Verizon Access' 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”<sup>2</sup>, the Commission finds it reasonable to allow this order to go into effect in less than thirty days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator’s decision to withhold numbering resources from Verizon Access is overturned.
2. Verizon Access’ request for 1,500 consecutive numbers within the 557 NPA, in the St. Louis rate center is granted. This decision reverses a recent decision by the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator denying Verizon Access’ original request.
3. This order shall become effective on June 15, 2023.
4. This file may be closed on June 16, 2023.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman and Kolkmeier CC., concur.  
Hahn, C., abstains.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**June 7, 2023**

**File/Case No. LO-2023-0380**

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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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Secretary**

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