

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 22nd day of
November, 2011.

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream)	
Missouri, Inc. for Review and Reversal of the)	<u>File No. IO-2012-0125</u>
Decision of Nuestar, Inc as the Pooling)	
Administrator to Withhold Numbering Resources)	

**ORDER GRANTING EXPEDITED TREATMENT AND
OVERTURNING NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: November 22, 2011

Effective Date: November 22, 2011

On October 21, 2011, Windstream Missouri, Inc, filed an Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., of Windstream's application to obtain three LRNs and three NXXs, one each for its new packet switches in the Bolivar, Doniphan and Myrtle rate centers, and one-thousand block of numbers each for the associated remotes serving the Morrisville and Oxly rate centers. The additional numbers are needed in order to meet the needs in connection with a Broadband Stimulus project upgrade in the areas listed above.

On October 21, 2011 the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing Time for Filing Requests to Intervene and Establishing Time for Filing Recommendations. On October 31, 2011, Staff filed a Status Report which stated they anticipated Windstream

would file changes in the Application and Staff would file their recommendation no later than November 7, 2011.

On November 4, 2011, Windstream filed an Amended Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting three LRNs and three NXXs (one each for its new packet switches in the Bolivar, Doniphan and Myrtle rate centers) and a one thousand block of numbers for the associated remote serving the Oxly rate center.

On November 8, 2011, Staff filed a Status Report which stated they anticipated Windstream would again file changes in the Application and Staff would file their recommendation no later than November 18, 2011.

On November 10, 2011, Windstream filed a Second Amended Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment. On November 18, 2011, the Staff of the Commission filed its Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed.

Staff explained that Windstream does not have three LRNs and three NXXs, in the Bolivar, Doniphan and Myrtle, Missouri rate center and a one thousand block of numbers for the Oxly rate center to meet the requirements of the Broadband Stimulus project. Staff believes Windstream has demonstrated a verifiable need for the blocks requested. Staff recommended the Commission grant Windstream'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)(4), 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 Windstream’s amended application and the Staff’s recommendation, the Commission finds that Windstream has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission will overturn NANPA’s decision and approve Windstream’s request for three LRNs and three NXXs, in the Bolivar, Doniphan and Myrtle, Missouri rate center and a one thousand block of numbers for the Oxly rate center.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Windstream Missouri, Inc’s Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
2. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator’s decision to withhold numbering resources from Windstream Missouri, Inc, is overturned.
3. Windstream Missouri, Inc’s request to receive three LRNs and three NXXs, in the Bolivar, Doniphan and Myrtle, Missouri rate center and a one thousand block of numbers for the Oxly rate center, is granted.
4. If a new code is required to be opened for this occasion, Windstream Missouri, Inc. shall utilize one block of one thousand numbers from each code and return the remaining nine blocks to the Pooling Administrator.

5. This order shall become effective on November 22, 2011.
6. This file may be closed on November 23, 2011.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Gunn, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
and Kenney, CC., concur.

Stearley, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge