

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 29th day of
July, 2009.

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri)
For Review and Reversal of North American) **File No. IO-2009-0451**
Number Plan Thousands-Block Pooling)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering)
Resources)

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

Issue Date: July 29, 2009

Effective Date: August 1, 2009

On June 30, 2009, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., to withhold certain numbering resources from AT&T Missouri. The numbering resources AT&T Missouri requested consist of one block of 1,000 numbers from which 700 consecutive numbers may be drawn, such that the numbers are within (1) the 314 NPA; (2) the St. Louis rate center (STLMO01DSA); (3) an NXX other than 923; and (4) the XXXX range of 6000 through 6699 to serve the needs of Healthlink, Inc. in the St. Louis, Missouri area. If the requested numbering resources were not available, AT&T requested numbering resources within the XXXX blocks of 2XXX, 5XXX, or 8XXX,

and that those numbers conform to the remaining numbering resources needs set forth in items (1) through (3) above.

On July 13, 2009, the Staff of the Commission filed its Staff Recommendation. Staff recommended the Commission deny AT&T Missouri's request in that AT&T Missouri has numbering resources available to meet Healthlink's request and failed to answer all of Staff's questions regarding the numbering resources requested. On July 16, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel filed their response to Staff's Recommendation in which they believed Staff's recommendation was reasonable. On July 23, 2009, AT&T Missouri filed its Supplemental Response to Staff's Recommendation.

On July 27, 2009, the Staff of the Commission filed its Second Staff Recommendation and Corrected Second Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed. In its second recommendation Staff recommended the Commission grant AT&T Missouri's request with regard to the 6XXX block of numbers. Staff explained that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional telephone numbers in the St. Louis rate center. Staff further recommends that if the requested 6XXX block is unavailable from the Pooling Administrator, AT&T should not make any request for alternative numbers, (such as 2XXX, 5XXX, or 8XXX blocks), as AT&T is able to fulfill Healthlink's alternative request from its pool of existing numbers. Staff also notes that HealthLink's current numbers will be subject to normal reclamation processes.

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 Staff’s second recommendation, the Commission finds that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources. The Commission overturns NANPA’s decision and approves AT&T Missouri’s request for one block of one-thousand telephone numbers in the XXXX range of 6000 to 6999.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator’s decision to withhold numbering resources from Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri is overturned.

2. AT&T Missouri’s request to receive one block of one-thousand telephone numbers in the 314 NPA within the 6XXX range in the St. Louis rate center (314-NXX-6XXX), is granted.

3. If the requested block is unavailable from the Pooling Administrator, AT&T Missouri shall not make any request for alternative numbers, (such as the 2XXX, 5XXX, or 8XXX blocks), for which AT&T Missouri is able to fulfill Healthlink’s alternative request from its pool of existing numbers.

4. This order shall become effective August 1, 2009.

5. This case may be closed on August 2, 2009.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge