

**STATE OF MISSOURI
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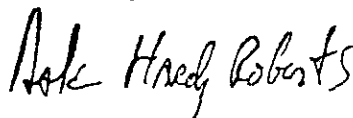
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**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 August, 2000.

In the Matter of the Petition of the North)
American Numbering Plan Administrator, on)
Behalf of the Missouri Telecommunications) Case No. TO-2000-374
Industry, for Approval of NPA Relief Plan for)
the 314 and 816 Area Codes.)

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE PETITION OR SUPPLEMENTAL
PETITION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING AUTHORITY**

In the Commission's March 1, 2000, Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, Granting Interventions, and Issuing Protective Order, the Commission directed the parties to address through evidence and argument the impact of number conservation measures on the need for area code relief, how number conservation measures may affect the types of area code relief considered, and the authority of the Commission to order number conservation measures in lieu of, or in conjunction with, area code relief. The Commission notes that independent of this case, the Commission has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for authority to implement certain number conservation measures.

On March 31, 2000, the FCC issued its report and order In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200. On July 20, 2000, the FCC issued its order In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket Nos. 99-200 and 96-98.

The FCC's July 20, 2000, order delegated certain authority to this Commission including number pooling authority for the 314 NPA. On August 3, 2000, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its motion requesting the Commission to petition the FCC for number pooling

authority in the 816 NPA to the same extent the FCC granted the Commission authority in the 314 NPA on July 20, 2000. Public Counsel states that pooling in the 816 NPA could have a substantial and beneficial impact on alleviating and delaying the exhaustion of numbering in the 816 NPA and postponing the cost, inconvenience and confusion associated with NPA relief.

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (SWBT) filed a response to the Public Counsel's motion on August 11, 2000. SWBT supports implementation of national number pooling but opposes a state number pooling trial in the 816 NPA. SWBT argues that the state could not implement a trial in a sufficient time period preceding national number pooling to obtain significant benefits, that Missouri's requirements might be inconsistent with later national requirements, and that the costs of a state pooling trial would be unnecessarily burdensome in light of pending national number pooling.

The Commission's Staff responded on August 14, 2000. Staff is supportive of Public Counsel's motion. Staff indicated that the Commission should petition to obtain number pooling authority for the 816 NPA so that the Commission would have the option of a state trial in the event that the FCC is not able to keep to its original timetable for national number pooling. If implementation of national number pooling is delayed, a state pooling trial in the 816 NPA could be undertaken sufficiently in advance of national number pooling to justify the costs in relation to the benefits of conserving numbering resources in the 816 NPA. Staff suggested that if FCC authority is obtained, the Commission should begin certain preparations for number pooling, such as preparing and soliciting requests for proposals for a pooling administrator. A decision to actually implement a state pooling trial could be delayed for a short period of time to gauge the FCC's progress toward national number pooling.

The Commission finds that it would be prudent and in the public interest to petition the FCC for number pooling authority in the 816 NPA. If national number pooling is delayed, and the Commission's petition is granted, Missouri would have the option to proceed with a numbering conservation and optimization tool that could serve the public interest.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission's General Counsel shall prepare and file a petition or supplemental petition with the Federal Communications Commission requesting a grant of authority for a state number pooling trial in the 816 NPA. The General Counsel shall submit appropriate information and suggestions supporting the petition as the Federal Communications Commission may require and as would support a favorable decision.
2. That this order shall become effective on September 1, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray,
Schemenauer, and Simmons, CC., concur.

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

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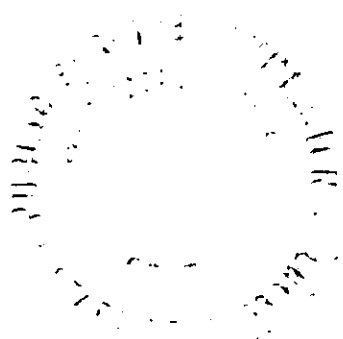
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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-0 AA
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 22nd day of August 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts
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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge