

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the matter of the Application of)	
CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC)	
For Review and Reversal of North American)	Case No. _____
Number Plan Administrator's Decision To)	
Withhold Numbering Resources for the)	
Dardenne, Missouri Rate Center.)	

**CENTURYTEL OF MISSOURI, LLC'S
APPLICATION AND
MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Comes now CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC ("CenturyTel") and files this verified application, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), and 47 C.F.R 52.15(g)(3)(iv), and respectfully requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order that reviews and reverses the recent decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., ("NANPA") to withhold certain numbering resources from CenturyTel in the form of one block of 1,000 numbers within the existing MCA NXX code of 636-695 assigned to the Dardenne, Missouri rate center. Whereas MCA numbers within CenturyTel's Dardenne MCA NXX may be exhausted in the near future, CenturyTel requires at least one block of 1,000 numbers in the Dardenne rate center to service the future needs of customers requiring MCA numbers. In support of its Application, CenturyTel states as follows:

1. CenturyTel is a Louisiana limited liability corporation that is duly authorized to do business in the state of Missouri. Copies of CenturyTel's Certificate of Authority to transact business in Missouri from the Missouri Secretary of State were filed in Case No. TM-2002-232, and are incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). CenturyTel's principle place of business in Missouri is 1151 CenturyTel Drive, Wentzville, Missouri 63885. CenturyTel is a "telecommunications company" and a "public utility" as those

terms are defined in §386.020, RSMo 2000, and, thus, is subject to the jurisdiction, supervision and control of this Commission.

2. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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Jefferson City, Missouri 65101
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3. CenturyTel is required to use segregated and dedicated NXX codes to provide customers non-MCA service and optional MCA service in the Dardenne exchange. CenturyTel is close to exhaustion for the MCA NXX numbers in this rate center.

4. Accordingly, on or about April 5, 2006, CenturyTel submitted its Application to NANPA requesting an additional NPA-NXX-X block in accordance with the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines, and filled out the necessary Months to Exhaust and Utilization Certification Worksheet. Copies of the Application and accompanying Worksheet are attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference, as **Exhibits A and B**, respectively.

5. CenturyTel submitted the request for an additional thousand block because CenturyTel is on the verge of exhausting its MCA numbers within the Dardenne central office. While CenturyTel does have numbers available within non-MCA NXXs in this rate center, CenturyTel is unable to use those numbers due to the Commission's requirement that MCA and non-MCA service be provided over segregated NXX codes. CenturyTel cannot assign individual numbers as MCA; rather, the entire NXX must be so designated.

6. NANPA denied the request on the grounds that, pursuant to CenturyTel's Months to Exhaust and Utilization Worksheet, CenturyTel did not demonstrate that existing numbering resources for the rate center will exhaust within 6 months. The request was denied notwithstanding the fact that CenturyTel, in the near future, will not have the numbering resources needed to satisfy its customers' MCA demands in the switch at issue. That decision is attached as **Exhibit C**.

7. Under existing procedures, NANPA has asserted that it is required to accept or reject an application for resources based solely on FCC criteria. However, the FCC's March 31, 2000 Order in its Number Resource Optimization docket states that a carrier may challenge a resource denial before the appropriate state regulatory commission and the state commission may choose to affirm or overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources. (Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making, In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, CC Docket No. 99-200, March 31, 2000, Appendix A; see also 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(3)(iv), attached hereto and marked as **Exhibit D**). Thus, the Missouri Commission has the authority to "affirm or overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein." Id.

8. CenturyTel seeks the Commission's direction to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources. This Commission previously overturned NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources to CenturyTel for its Dardenne, Missouri Rate Center last year in its Order Granting Additional Numbering Resources, Case No. IO-2005-0178, January 11, 2005. See also, Order Granting Additional Numbering Resources, Case No. IO-2006-0195, December 19, 2005; Order Granting Additional Numbering Resources, Case No. IO-2005-0179, January

27, 2005; Order Granting Additional Numbering Resources, In the Matter of the Application of GTE Midwest Incorporated d/b/a Verizon Midwest For Review and Reversal of North American Number Plan Administrator's Decision To Withhold Numbering Resources, Case No. TO-2002-481, June 20, 2002; Order Granting Additional Numbering Resources, In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri for Review and Reversal of North American Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources, Case No. IO-2003-0318, April 1, 2003.

9. CenturyTel does not have any pending or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment, or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of this Application.

10. CenturyTel does not have any annual report or assessment fees that are overdue in Missouri.

Motion for Expedited Treatment

11. In accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16), CenturyTel requests that the Commission act upon this Application as soon as possible, preferably within 30 days, as CenturyTel is exhausting its MCA NXXs within the Dardenne Rate Center. This pleading was filed as soon as it could have been, after it was determined that NANPA would require a decision from the Commission before releasing the numbering resources. The benefit of additional MCA numbers available to service the future needs of MCA customers will accrue, and there will be no negative effect on CenturyTel's customers or the general public, if the commission acts in an expedited manner.

Wherefore, CenturyTel respectfully requests that the Commission overturn NANPA's previous determination in this matter, and instruct NANPA to release the numbering resources necessary to meet the needs of CenturyTel's customers as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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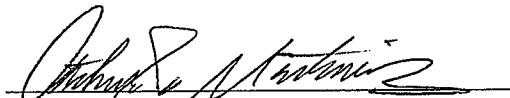
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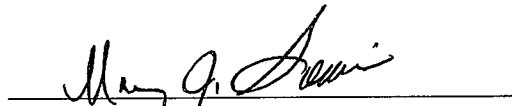
VERIFICATION

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS
COUNTY OF COLE)

I, Arthur Martinez, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Director Government Relations of CenturyTel and that I am authorized to execute this Application on behalf of CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC; and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

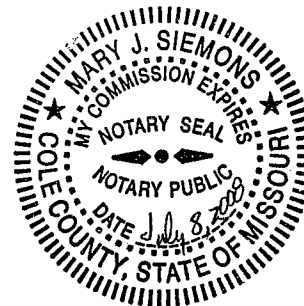

Arthur Martinez

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of May, 2006.


Notary Public

My Commission expires:

July 8, 2008



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was hand-delivered, emailed or mailed this 10th day of May, 2006, to:

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/s/ Larry W. Dority

Larry W. Dority

Type of Application : New

Tracking Number : 636-DARDENNE-MO-108017

1.1 Contact Information :

Note: If any of the contact info is incorrect, edit your user profile.

Block Applicant :

Company Name **CENTURYTEL MO (SW)**

Headquarters Address **100 CENTURY DR**

City **MONROE**

State **LA**

Zip **61203**

Contact Name **OLGA E SHEWMAKER**

Contact Address **1151 CENTURYTEL DR**

City **WENTZVILLE**

State **MO**

Zip **63385**

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Pooling Administrator¹:

Contact Name **Genevieve Paulino**

Contact Address **1800 Sutter St. Ste. 780**

City **Concord**

State **CA**

Zip **94520**

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1.2 General Information

LRN Neededⁱⁱ **NO**

NPA **636**

LATA **520**

OCNⁱⁱⁱ **9787 - CENTURYTEL MO (SW)**

Parent Company OCN **5775**

> Number of Thousands-Blocks Requested **1**

Switch Identification (Switching Identity/POI)^{iv} **DRDNMOXARSO**

City or Wire Center Name

Rate Center^v **DARDENNE**

Rate Center Sub Zone

1.3 Dates

Date of Application^{vi} **04/05/2006**

Requested Block Effective
Date **05/06/2006**

Request Expedited Treatment **N**

1.4 Type of Service Provider Requesting the Thousands-Block

a) Type of Service Provider **Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)**

b) Primary type of service
Blocks to be used for **Wireline**

c) Thousands-Block(s) (NPA-
NXX-X) assignment **636-695-4,**
preference

d) Thousands-Block(s) (NPA-
NXX-X) that are undesirable
for this assignment, if any

e) If requesting a code for LRN
purposes, indicate which
block(s) you will be keeping
(the remainder of the blocks
will be given to the pool)

1.5 Type of Request

Initial block for rate center

Growth block for rate center **Yes**

Change block

Disconnect block

I hereby certify that the above information requesting an NXX-X block is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that this application has been prepared in accordance with the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines (ATIS-0300066)

Instructions for filling out each Section of the Part 1A form:

Section 1.1 Contact information requires that Service Providers supply under "Block Applicant" the company name, company headquarters address, a contact within the company, an address where the contact person may be reached, in addition to the correct phone, fax, and e-mail address. The Pooling Administrator section also requires the Service Provider to fill in the Pooling Administrator's name, address, phone, fax and e-mail.

Section 1.2 Service Providers who need a thousands-block assignment or for an Location Routing Number (LRN) are required to fill in this section. If needed for an LRN, a CO Code Application needs to also be submitted to the PA. The Service Provider should supply the Numbering Plan Area (NPA): the Local Access

Transport Area (LATA), which is a three-digit number that can be found in the Telcordia™ LERG™ Routing Guide. The Operating Company Number (OCN) assigned to the service provider and the OCN its parent company. An OCN is a four-character alphanumeric assigned by Telcordia™ Routing Administration (TRA). In addition, the number of thousands-blocks requested should be supplied. The Switch Identification as well as the city or wire center name, rate center, rate center sub zone, homing tandem and CLLI™ tandem of the facilities based provider^{vii}. Explanations of these terms may be found in the footnotes.

Section 1.3 The date the Service Provider completes the application should be entered in this section, as well as the Effective Date of the requested thousands-block.

Section 1.4 Service Providers should indicate their type, e.g., local exchange carrier, competitive local exchange carrier, interexchange carrier, CMRS. They also indicate the primary type of business in which the numbering resource is to be used. Service Providers also may indicate their preference for a particular thousands-block, e.g., 321-9XXX, or indicate any thousands-blocks that may be undesirable, e.g., 321-6XXX.

Section 1.5 Service Providers indicate the type of request. Initial requests are for first applications for thousands-blocks in a rate center, growth for additional thousands-blocks in a rate center in which the applicant already has numbering resources, and provide the required evidence as ordered by the FCC.

The thousands-block applicant certifies veracity of this form by signing their name, and providing their title and date.

Foot Notes:

ⁱ The Pool Administrator is available to assist in completing these forms.

ⁱⁱ A CO Code application will also need to be submitted to the PA

ⁱⁱⁱ Operating Company Number (OCN) assignments must uniquely identify the applicant. Relative to CO Code assignments, NECA-assigned Company Codes may be used as OCNs. Companies with no prior CO Code or Company Code assignments should contact NECA (800 524-1020) to be assigned a Company Code(s). Since multiple OCNs and/or Company Codes may be associated with a given company, companies with prior assignments should direct questions regarding appropriate OCN usage to (TRA) (732-699-6700).

^{iv} This is an eleven-character descriptor of the switch provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This is the 11 character CLLI™ code of the switch /POI.

^v Rate Center name must be a tariffed Rate Center.

^{vi} Acknowledgment and indication of disposition of this application will be provided to applicant within seven calendar days from the date of receipt of this application. An incomplete form may result in delays in processing this request.

^{vii} Telcordia, LERG Routing Guide, and CLLI are trademarks of Telcordia Technologies, Inc.

Pooling Administration System

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Sign Out

Months to Exhaust and Utilization Certification Worksheet - TN Level 1

Date 04/05/2006

Date **04/05/2006**

OCN **9787**

Rate Center **DARDENNE**

List all Codes NPA(s)-NXXs and Blocks
NPA(s)-NXX-X(s)

636-561, 636-625, 636-695-2xxx-3xxx, 636-755-2xxx-3xxx

A. Available Numbers **4400**

B. Assigned Numbers **19600**

C. Total Numbering Resources **24000**

D. Quantity of numbers activated in the
past 90 days and excluded from the **0**
Utilization calculation

List excluded Code(s) or Block(s)

E. Growth History - Previous 6 months²

Month 1	0	Month 2	0
Month 3	100	Month 4	50
Month 5	50	Month 6	0

F. Forecast - Next 12 months³

Month 1	0	Month 2	0
Month 3	100	Month 4	50
Month 5	50	Month 6	0
Month 7	0	Month 8	50
Month 9	100	Month 10	0
Month 11	0	Month 12	0

G. Average Monthly Forecast (Sum of months # 1-6 (Part F above)
divided by 6)⁴

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H. Months to Exhaust (Numbers Available for Assignment to customers (A) / Average Monthly Forecast
(G))

Block Requested	A. Available Numbers	H. Months to Exhaust
1	4400	132.000

I. Utilization⁵(Assigned Numbers (B)) / (Total Numbering Resources (C) -
Excluded Numbers (D)) * 100

81.667

Explanation

We are exhausting our Metropolitan Calling Area NXXs. We are down to 500 numbers within those available NXXs. Requesting additional block for MCA growth.

¹A copy of this worksheet is required to be submitted to the Pooling Administrator when requesting additional numbering resources in a rate center. For auditing purposes, the applicant must retain a copy of this document.

²Net change in TNs no longer available for assignment in each previous month, starting with the most distant month as Month #1, and Month #6 as the current month.

³Forecast of TNs needed in each following month, starting with the most recent month as Month #1.

⁴To be assigned an additional thousands-block (NXX-X) for growth, "Months to Exhaust" must be less than or equal to 6 months. (FCC 00-104, § 52.15 (g)(3)(iii)).

⁵Newly acquired numbers may be excluded from the Utilization calculation (FCC 00104, section 52.15 (g)(3)(ii))

**Thousands-Block Application Form
Part 1B**

Tracking Number 636-DARDENNE-MO-108017

Activation Request

For Information Only N

Section A :

(If request is for Activation, the thousand-block applicant is to provide all data except Block Range, Block Effective Date and LERG Assignee/ donating switch information; the PA will fill in those three fields. For a Modification request, the requestor is to provide all information.)

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Service Provider NPAC SOA SPID¹ **0950**
LRN² **6365612156**

Block (1K) Range³
Block Effective Date⁴ **05/06/2006**
Is Block being allocated back to LERG Assignee
on donating switch? **No**
NPAC Activate Block Range⁵ **Yes**
Pooling Admin Remarks

Section B :

Block Applicant to provide the data ONLY if NPAC Activate Block Range is marked "YES". For Intra SP Block Porting the Block Holder should reflect the routing information of the switch the block is being transferred to⁶

Class DPC⁷
Class SSN⁸
LIDB DPC⁹
LIDB SSN¹⁰
CNAM DPC¹¹
CNAM SSN¹²
ISVM DPC¹³
ISVM SSN¹⁴
WSMSC DPC¹⁵
WSMSC SSN¹⁶
SOA Origination¹⁷

Section C :

(NPAC is to Activate/Modify the Block (1K), as indicated on this form. When the Block (1K) Activation/Modification is complete and the data in this section inserted, NPAC sends a copy of the completed form to the Pooling Administrator and Block Holder.)

Block (1K) Request Complete **No**
Complete Date (MMDDYYYY)
Complete Time (HHMM)
NPAC Personnel performing change
Block Holder sent Completed Form **No**

Mailed Date (MMDDYYYY)
Mailed Time (HHMM)
Contact Name
Pooling Administrator sent completed Form **No**
Mailed Date (MMDDYYYY)
Mailed Time (HHMM)
Contact Name
NPAC Remarks

Instructions for filling out each Section of the Part 1B form:

- 1) The requesting Block Applicant shall complete this form except for Block Range and Block Effective Date, when submitting PART 1 of the INC Thousands-Block Applicant form to the Pooling Administrator. A separate Part 1B form is to be completed for each 1K Block Range requested.
- 2) The Pooling Administrator will insert Block Range and Block Effective Date information, then submit this form to the regional NPAC at the same time PART 3 of the INC Thousands-Block Applicant form is returned to the requesting Block Applicant.
- 3) Pre-Block Activation:
 - a) If the Block Holder is requesting a modification, the Block Holder needs to complete Sections A and any applicable data in Section B of this form and send it to the Pooling Administrator (PA). The PA will forward the form to the NPAC for processing.
- 4) Post-Block Activation: If Block Holder requests NPAC to perform the Block Modification, then Sections A & B of this form should be completed and send to the Pooling Administrator. The Pooling Administrator will send the information on to the NPAC. Upon completion of this request, NPAC sends a copy of the completed form to the Pooling Administrator and Block Holder.

Foot Notes:

- ¹ The Service Provider ID of the block holder. The SPID must be a valid SPID in the NPAC system. If your company does not have a SPID, please call the NPAC at 1-888-NPAC-HEL(P) for assistance.
- ² A Location Routing Number is a 10-digit number, in the format NPA-NXX-XXXX, that uniquely identifies a switch or point of interconnection (POI). The NPA-NXX portion of the LRN is used to route calls to numbers that have been ported.
- ³ The Pooling Administrator will insert Block information. The Block will consist of NPA-NXX and the first digit of the 1K block.
- ⁴ The Pooling Administrator will insert Block Effective Date. See section 9.2.4 of the Thousands-Block (NXX-X) Number Pooling Administration Guidelines for specifics on effective date. This is the earliest date that the NPAC will broadcast the Block information to all Local SMSs.
- ⁵ If "YES" is marked the NPAC will activate the block range. If "NO" is marked it will be the responsibility of the SP to activate the block range.
- ⁶ **NANC 191**
Whenever a DPC value is specified, an SSN value likewise must be provided (and vice versa). The three-digit values used for the first three-digit portion of the DPC must be between 001 and 255 and the three-digit values used for the next two three-digit portions of the DPC must be between 000 and 255.
- NANC 291**
The SSN value must be 000; no other value is accepted.
- ⁷ Customer Local Area Signaling Services Destination Point Code for 10-digit GTT for CLASS features for the 1K block.
- ⁸ Customer Local Area Signaling Services Subsystem Number for the 1K block.
- ⁹ Line Information Database Destination Point Code for 10-digit GTT for LIDB features for the 1K block.
- ¹⁰ Line information Database Subsystem Number for the 1K block.

¹¹Calling Name Delivery Destination Point Code for 10-digit GTT for CNAM features for the 1K block.

¹²Calling Name Delivery Subsystem Number for the 1K block.

¹³Inter-Switch Voice Mail Destination Point Code for 10-digit GTT for ISVM features for the 1K Block

¹⁴Inter-Switch Voice Mail Services Subsystem Number for the 1K block.

¹⁵Wireless Short Message Service Center Destination Point Code for 10-digit GTT for WSMSC features.

This field is only required if the service provider supports WSMSC data.

¹⁶Wireless Short Message Service Center Subsystem Number for the 1K block. This field is only required if the service provider supports WSMSC data.

¹⁷The SOA Origination Field must be populated with "No" if the NPAC Activate Block Range is marked "Yes" which specifies that the block applicant will not activate their own block range.

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Pooling Administrator's Response/Confirmation Part 3

Tracking Number **636-DARDENNE-MO-108017**

Date of Application **04/05/2006**

Block Effective Date

Date of Receipt **04/05/2006**

Date of Response **04/11/2006**

Service Provider Name **CENTURYTEL**

(Telcordia™ LERG™ Routing
Guide) OCN **9787-CENTURYTEL MO (SW)**

NPAC SOA SPID **0950**

Pooling Administrator Contact Information :

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Response

NPA-NXX-X **0-0-0**

Block Assigned

Block Disconnected

Block Contaminated (Yes or
No)

Block Allocation Date

Switch Identification (Switching
Entity / POI) **DRDNMOXARS0**

Rate Center **DARDENNE**

Rate Center Sub Zone

☒ **Form Complete, block requested denied**

Explanation :

DR-3: No documentation to support the State Waiver request was received. Please resubmit your request with documentation supporting the State Waiver. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this request, please refer to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines for the appeals process.

☐ **Assignment activity suspended by the administrator**

Explanation :

Further Action :

Remarks :

DR-10: The Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administration Guidelines (Section 8.3.4) states that applicants must demonstrate that existing numbering resources for the rate center will exhaust within 6 months. If you are in disagreement with the disposition of this request, please refer to the Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines for the appeals process.

¹This is an eleven-character descriptor provided by the owning entity for the purpose of routing calls. This must be the CLLITM Location Identification Code of the switching entity/POI shown on the Part 1A form. (Telcordia, LERG Routing Guide and CLLI are trademarks of Telcordia Technologies, Inc.)

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CHAPTER I--FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS
COMMISSION
SUBCHAPTER B--COMMON CARRIER
SERVICES
PART 52--NUMBERING
SUBPART B--ADMINISTRATION

Current through March 19, 2002; 67 FR 12824

§ 52.15 Central office code administration.

(a) Central Office Code Administration shall be performed by the NANPA, or another entity or entities, as designated by the Commission.

(b) Duties of the entity or entities performing central office code administration may include, but are not limited to:

(1) Processing central office code assignment applications and assigning such codes in a manner that is consistent with this part;

(2) Accessing and maintaining central office code assignment databases;

(3) Contributing to the CO Code Use Survey (COCUS), an annual survey that describes the present and projected use of CO codes for each NPA in the NANP;

(4) Monitoring the use of central office codes within each area code and forecasting the date by which all central office codes within that area code will be assigned; and

(5) Planning for and initiating area code relief, consistent with § 52.19.

(c) Any telecommunications carrier performing central office code administration:

(1) Shall not charge fees for the assignment or use of central office codes to other telecommunications carriers, including paging and CMRS providers, unless the telecommunications carrier assigning the central office code charges one uniform fee for all carriers, including itself and its affiliates; and

(2) Shall, consistent with this subpart, apply identical standards and procedures for processing all central office code assignment requests, and for assigning such codes, regardless of the identity of the

telecommunications carrier making the request.

(d) Central Office (CO) Code Administration functional requirements. The NANPA shall manage the United States CO code numbering resource, including CO code request processing, NPA code relief and jeopardy planning, and industry notification functions. The NANPA shall perform its CO Code Administration functions in accordance with the published industry numbering resource administration guidelines and Commission orders and regulations at 47 CFR chapter I. Subject to the approval of the Commission, the NANPA shall develop a transition plan to transfer CO code assignment from the current administrators to itself and shall submit this plan to the Commission within 90 days of the effective date of a Commission order announcing the selection of the NANPA. The NANPA shall complete the transfer of CO code assignment functions from existing administrators to itself no more than 18 months after the NANPA has assumed all of said administrators' current NANPA function.

(e) The new NANPA shall perform the numbering administration functions currently performed by Bellcore, and the CO code administration functions currently performed by the eleven CO code administrators, at the price agreed to at the time of its selection. The new NANPA may request from NANC, with subsequent approval by the Commission, an adjustment in this price if the actual number of CO Code assignments made per year, the number of NPAs requiring relief per year or the number of NPA relief meetings per NPA exceeds 120% of the NANPA's stated assumptions for the tasks at the time of its selection.

(f) Mandatory reporting requirements--

(1) Number use categories. Numbering resources must be classified in one of the following categories:

(i) Administrative numbers are numbers used by telecommunications carriers to perform internal administrative or operational functions necessary to maintain reasonable quality of service standards.

(ii) Aging numbers are disconnected numbers that are not available for assignment to another end user or customer for a specified period of time. Numbers previously assigned to residential customers may be aged for no more than 90 days. Numbers previously assigned to business customers may be aged for no more than 360 days.

(iii) Assigned numbers are numbers working in the Public Switched Telephone Network under an agreement such as a contract or tariff at the request of specific end users or customers for their use, or numbers not yet working but having a customer service order pending. Numbers that are not yet working and have a service order pending for more than five days shall not be classified as assigned numbers.

(iv) Available numbers are numbers that are available for assignment to subscriber access lines, or their equivalents, within a switching entity or point of interconnection and are not classified as assigned, intermediate, administrative, aging, or reserved.

(v) Intermediate numbers are numbers that are made available for use by another telecommunications carrier or non-carrier entity for the purpose of providing telecommunications service to an end user or customer. Numbers ported for the purpose of transferring an established customer's service to another service provider shall not be classified as intermediate numbers.

(vi) Reserved numbers are numbers that are held by service providers at the request of specific end users or customers for their future use. Numbers held for specific end users or customers for more than 180 days shall not be classified as reserved numbers.

(2) Reporting carrier. The term "reporting carrier" refers to a telecommunications carrier that receives numbering resources from the NANPA, a Pooling Administrator or another telecommunications carrier.

(3) Data collection procedures.

(i) Reporting carriers shall report utilization and forecast data to the NANPA.

(ii) Reporting shall be by separate legal entity and must include company name, company headquarters address, Operating Company Number (OCN), parent company OCN, and the primary type of business in which the reporting carrier is engaged. The term "parent company" refers to the highest related legal entity located within the state for which the reporting carrier is reporting data.

(iii) All data shall be filed electronically in a format approved by the Common Carrier Bureau.

(4) Forecast data reporting.

(i) Reporting carriers shall submit to the NANPA a five-year forecast of their yearly numbering resource requirements.

(ii) In areas where thousands-block number pooling has been implemented:

(A) Reporting carriers that are required to participate in thousands-block number pooling shall report forecast data at the thousands-block (NXX-X) level per rate center;

(B) Reporting carriers that are not required to participate in thousands-block number pooling shall report forecast data at the central office code (NXX) level per rate center.

(iii) In areas where thousands-block number pooling has not been implemented, reporting carriers shall report forecast data at the central office code (NXX) level per NPA.

(iv) Reporting carriers shall identify and report separately initial numbering resources and growth numbering resources.

(5) Utilization data reporting.

(i) Reporting carriers shall submit to the NANPA a utilization report of their current inventory of numbering resources. The report shall classify numbering resources in the following number use categories: assigned, intermediate, reserved, aging, and administrative.

(ii) Rural telephone companies, as defined in the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 153(37), that provide telecommunications service in areas where local number portability has not been implemented shall report utilization data at the central office code (NXX) level per rate center in those areas.

(iii) All other reporting carriers shall report utilization data at the thousands-block (NXX-X) level per rate center.

(6) Reporting frequency.

(i) Reporting carriers shall file forecast and utilization reports semi-annually on or before February 1 for the preceding reporting period ending on December 31, and on or before August 1 for the preceding reporting period ending on June 30. Mandatory reporting shall commence August 1,

2000.

(ii) State commissions may reduce the reporting frequency for NPAs in their states to annual. Reporting carriers operating in such NPAs shall file forecast and utilization reports annually on or before August 1 for the preceding reporting period ending on June 30, commencing August 1, 2000.

(iii) A state commission seeking to reduce the reporting frequency pursuant to paragraph (f)(6)(ii) of this section shall notify the Common Carrier Bureau and the NANPA in writing prior to reducing the reporting frequency.

(7) Access to data and confidentiality--States shall have access to data reported to the NANPA provided that they have appropriate protections in place to prevent public disclosure of disaggregated, carrier-specific data.

(g) Applications for numbering resources--

(1) General requirements. All applications for numbering resources must include the company name, company headquarters address, OCN, parent company's OCN(s), and the primary type of business in which the numbering resources will be used.

(2) Initial numbering resources. Applications for initial numbering resources shall include evidence that:

(i) The applicant is authorized to provide service in the area for which the numbering resources are being requested; and

(ii) The applicant is or will be capable of providing service within sixty (60) days of the numbering resources activation date.

(3) Growth numbering resources.

(i) Applications for growth numbering resources shall include:

(A) A Months-to-Exhaust Worksheet that provides utilization by rate center for the preceding six months and projected monthly utilization for the next twelve (12) months; and

(B) The applicant's current numbering resource utilization level for the rate center in which it is seeking growth numbering resources.

(ii) The numbering resource utilization level shall be calculated by dividing all assigned numbers by the total numbering resources in the applicant's inventory and multiplying the result by 100. Numbering resources activated in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG) within the preceding 90 days of reporting utilization levels may be excluded from the utilization calculation.

(iii) All service providers shall maintain no more than a six-month inventory of telephone numbers in each rate center or service area in which it provides telecommunications service.

(iv) The NANPA shall withhold numbering resources from any U.S. carrier that fails to comply with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements established in this part. The NANPA shall not issue numbering resources to a carrier without an OCN. The NANPA must notify the carrier in writing of its decision to withhold numbering resources within ten (10) days of receiving a request for numbering resources. The carrier may challenge the NANPA's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state commission may affirm or overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein.

(4) Non-compliance. The NANPA shall withhold numbering resources from any U.S. carrier that fails to comply with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements established in this part. The NANPA shall not issue numbering resources to a carrier without an Operating Company Number (OCN). The NANPA must notify the carrier in writing of its decision to withhold numbering resources within ten (10) days of receiving a request for numbering resources. The carrier may challenge the NANPA's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state commission may affirm, or may overturn, the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has complied with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein. 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.

(5) State access to applications. State regulatory commissions shall have access to service provider's applications for numbering resources. The state commissions should request copies of such applications from the service providers operating within their states, and service providers must comply with state commission requests for copies of numbering resource applications. Carriers that fail to comply with a state commission request for numbering resource application materials shall be denied numbering resources.

(h) National utilization threshold. All applicants for growth numbering resources shall achieve a 60% utilization threshold, calculated in accordance with paragraph (g)(3)(ii) of this section, for the rate center in which they are requesting growth numbering resources. This 60% utilization threshold shall increase by 5% on June 30, 2002, and annually thereafter until the utilization threshold reaches 75%.

(i) Reclamation of numbering resources.

(1) Reclamation refers to the process by which service providers are required to return numbering resources to the NANPA or the Pooling Administrator.

(2) State commissions may investigate and determine whether service providers have activated their numbering resources and may request proof from all service providers that numbering resources have been activated and assignment of telephone numbers has commenced.

(3) Service providers may be required to reduce contamination levels to facilitate reclamation and/or pooling.

(4) State commissions shall provide service providers an opportunity to explain the circumstances causing the delay in activating and commencing assignment of their numbering resources prior to initiating reclamation.

(5) The NANPA and the Pooling Administrator shall abide by the state commission's determination to reclaim numbering resources if the state commission is satisfied that the service provider has not activated and commenced assignment to end users of their numbering resources within six months of receipt.

(6) The NANPA and Pooling Administrator shall initiate reclamation within sixty days of expiration of the service provider's applicable activation deadline.

(7) If a state commission declines to exercise the authority delegated to it in this paragraph, the entity or entities designated by the Commission to serve as the NANPA shall exercise this authority with respect to NXX codes and the Pooling Administrator shall exercise this authority with respect to thousands-blocks. The NANPA and the Pooling Administrator shall consult with the Common Carrier Bureau prior to exercising the authority delegated to it in this provision.

(j) Sequential number assignment.

(1) All service providers shall assign all available telephone numbers within an opened thousands-block before assigning telephone numbers from an uncontaminated thousands-block, unless the available numbers in the opened thousands-block are not sufficient to meet a specific customer request. This requirement shall apply to a service provider's existing numbering resources as well as any new numbering resources it obtains in the future.

(2) A service provider that opens an uncontaminated thousands-block prior to assigning all available telephone numbers within an opened thousands-block should be prepared to demonstrate to the state commission:

(i) A genuine request from a customer detailing the specific need for telephone numbers; and

(ii) The service provider's inability to meet the specific customer request for telephone numbers from the available numbers within the service provider's opened thousands-blocks.

(3) Upon a finding by a state commission that a service provider inappropriately assigned telephone numbers from an uncontaminated thousands-block, the NANPA or the Pooling Administrator shall suspend assignment or allocation of any additional numbering resources to that service provider in the applicable NPA until the service provider demonstrates that it does not have sufficient numbering resources to meet a specific customer request.

(k) Numbering audits.

(1) All telecommunications service providers shall be subject to "for cause" and random audits to verify carrier compliance with Commission regulations and applicable industry guidelines relating to numbering

administration.

(2) The Enforcement Bureau will oversee the conduct and scope of all numbering audits conducted under the Commission's jurisdiction, and determine the audit procedures necessary to perform the audit. Numbering audits performed by independent auditors pursuant to this section shall be conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' standards for compliance attestation engagements, as supplemented by the guidance and direction of the Chief of the Enforcement Bureau.

(3) Requests for "for cause" audits shall be forwarded to the Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, with a copy to the Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau. Requests must state the reason for which a "for cause" audit is being requested and include documentation of the alleged anomaly, inconsistency,

or violation of the Commission rules or orders or applicable industry guidelines. The Chief of the Enforcement Bureau will provide carriers up to 30 days to provide a written response to a request for a "for cause" audit.

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