

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

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Windstream NuVox Missouri, Inc. for)	
Review and Reversal of the Decision)	<u>File No. CO-2012-0151</u>
Of Neustar, Inc. as the Pooling Administrator)	
to Withhold Numbering Resources)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and for its recommendation states:

1. On November 14, 2011, Windstream NuVox Missouri, Inc. (Windstream) filed an Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment under 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(3)(iv) requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator (Pooling Administrator), NeuStar, Inc., for 5 blocks of one-thousand numbers in the Springfield rate center. Specifically, Cox Health requests 5,000 consecutive numbers within the Springfield rate center in order to maintain their current dialing plan given the Company's current expansion and anticipated growth brought on by the Company's new and renovated facilities.

2. The Pooling Administrator denied the Company's request because it did not meet the months to exhaust and utilization criteria required by FCC guidelines. The Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from the Company if the Commission determines that the Company has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 C.F.R. 52.15 (g)(4).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that Windstream has met this standard. The Staff explains that the Company needs the five (5) additional one-thousand blocks of numbers in the Springfield rate center.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that:

(1) Determines Windstream NuVox Missouri, Inc. has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies; and

(2) Overturns the decision of the Pooling Administrator and grants Windstream's request for five (5) consecutive blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers in the Springfield rate center, and

(3) Contains the following language:

Windstream NuVox's request for five (5) one-thousand blocks of consecutive telephone numbers, in the Springfield, Missouri rate center is granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of November, 2011.

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