## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 12th day of October, 2006.

In the Matter of the Application of Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc., for Review and Reversal of the North American Number Plan Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources

Case No. CO-2007-0107

## **ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES**

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Issue Date: October 12, 2006

Effective Date: October 19, 2006

Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc., has asked the Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) to deny Fidelity Communications Services I's request for additional numbering resources. Fidelity Communications Services I seeks the additional resources to provide basic local telecommunications service in the Rolla rate center.

In its application, Fidelity Communications Services I explains that a customer has requested 700-800 consecutive Direct Inward Dial numbers for the use of a new office building. The numbers must be consecutive to be compatible with the PBX system that will be used in the new building. Fidelity Communications Services I does not have an available thousands block of numbers available to meet that customer request. On September 14, 2006, Fidelity Communications Services I submitted an application to NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator for NANPA, for one additional thousand-number

block. After submitting its request through the required electronic process, Fidelity Communications Services I received a reply indicating that it did not meet the required guidelines and that its request for additional numbers would not be granted, absent a state waiver. On September 19, Fidelity Communications Services I filed its application asking the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision.

On September 20, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing Time for Filing Requests to Intervene, and Establishing Time for Filing Recommendations. The Commission set an intervention deadline of September 29. No requests to intervene have been received. The Commission required its Staff to file a recommendation no later than October 6, and permitted any other interested party to file a recommendation by the same date.

Staff filed its Recommendation and Memorandum on October 2. Staff agrees that Fidelity Communications Services I has demonstrated a verifiable need for one block of 1,000 numbers. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Fidelity Communications Services I's request, reverse the decision of NANPA, and direct NANPA to issue Fidelity Communications Services I one block of 1,000 telephone numbers in the Rolla rate center. The Office of the Public Counsel, the only other party, did not file a recommendation.

NANPA is required to accept or reject an application for resources based solely on criteria established by the FCC. However, the FCC's rule, 47 C.F.R. Section 52.15(g)(4), provides, in pertinent 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.

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Thus the FCC has given state commissions the authority to overturn NANPA's decisions when it is appropriate to do so.

Based on Fidelity Communications Services I's verified application and the verified recommendations of its Staff, which are admitted into evidence, the Commission finds that Fidelity Communications Services I has demonstrated a "verifiable need" for the numbering resources in question and that it has "exhausted all other available remedies." The record shows that unless its request is granted, Fidelity Communications Services I will not be able to meet the needs of its customer. For that reason, the Commission will override the determination of NANPA.

## **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application filed by Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc., requesting review and reversal of NANPA's decision denying numbering resources is granted.

2. The decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator to deny Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc.'s request for one block of 1,000 telephone numbers in the Rolla rate center is overturned.

3. The North American Number Plan Administrator shall issue Fidelity Communications Services I, Inc., one block of 1,000 telephone numbers for the (573) in the Rolla rate center.

4. This order shall become effective on October 19, 2006.

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5. This case may be closed on October 20, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw and Appling, CC., concur Clayton, C., absent

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge