

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

In the Matter of the Application of)
Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a)
SBC Missouri, for Review and Reversal)
of the North American Numbering Plan)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold)
Numbering Resources.

Case No. TO-2005-0323

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri (“SBC”) filed an application and motion for expedited treatment requesting that the Commission issue an order reversing the decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., (“NANPA”) to withhold five blocks of 1,000 numbers which SBC requested to service the needs of BJC HealthCare, which is opening a new hospital in O’Fallon, Missouri, in the Harvester rate center.

2. This Commission may overturn the NANPA’s decision to withhold numbering resources from SBC if the Commission determines that SBC has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 CFR §52.15(g)(4).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that SBC has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies, and therefore recommends that the Commission issue an order overturning the NANPA’s decision. The Staff also recommends that the Commission’s order indicate that the

1,000 block of numbers released to SBC begin with the pre-fix 636-xx2, 636-xx4, or 636-xx7 due to the limitations of BJC Healthcare's telephone system.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order: (1) that determines that SBC has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies; (2) that reverses the decision of the NANPA; and (3) that directs NANPA to issue to SBC five blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Harvester rate center that begin with the pre-fix 636-xx2, 636-xx4, or 636-xx7.

Respectfully submitted,

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