

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day
of April, 2005.

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-2005-0312

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES

Syllabus: This order grants the application for additional numbering resources of Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri.

On March 18, 2005, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) to deny SBC's request for additional numbering resources. On March 22, 2005, the Commission issued its Order notifying telecommunications companies and setting an intervention deadline of April 5, 2005. There were no requests to intervene. The Commission directed its Staff, and permitted other parties, to file a recommendation no later than April 12, 2005. The Office of the Public Counsel filed a recommendation on April 5, 2005.

SBC states that on November 9, 2004, it submitted a Thousand-Block application to NANPA, who denied the request on the grounds that SBC had not met the utilization criteria set forth by Federal Communications Commission, as adopted by the State of Missouri. SBC sought the additional resources in order to meet the needs of a customer,

St. Louis Community College, for a block of 1,000 consecutive numbers for a new campus in Wildwood, Missouri. St. Louis Community College has requested 1,000 Direct Inward Dial numbers for its new campus. SBC requests that the numbers be in the 2,000 – 2,999 range so that it may internally route its numbers on a five-digit basis. The college requested that the block contain NPA-NXX numbers that are designated for use with respect to the Metropolitan Calling Area plan.

Staff filed its memorandum and recommends that the Commission grant SBC's request to reverse the decision of the NANPA. Staff affirms that SBC has demonstrated a verifiable need for one block of 1,000 numbers and has exhausted all other available remedies. Staff also recommends that the 1,000 block of numbers be released in the 2,000 to 2,999 range to allow the customer to internally route numbers on a five-digit basis. The Office of the Public Counsel also agrees that the Commission should reverse the NANPA's decision because doing so is in the public interest.

The Commission is given the authority to overturn a decision of NANPA by 47 C.F.R. Section 52.15(g)(4), which 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.

Based on the recommendation of Staff and the verified pleadings, the Commission determines that SBC 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, SBC will be unable to meet the needs of its customer. For that reason, the Commission will override the NANPA's determination.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment filed on March 18, 2005, by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, is granted.
2. That the decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to deny Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, Inc.'s request for a block of 1,000 NPA-NXX Direct Inward Dial numbers, in the 2,000-2,999 range, is overturned.
3. That the North American Number Plan Administrator shall issue Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, a block of 1,000 NPA-NXX Direct Inward Dial numbers in the 2,000-2,999 range.
4. That this order shall become effective on April 29, 2005.
5. That this case may be closed on April 30, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

Jones, Regulatory Law Judge