

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 16th day
of March, 2006.

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)
Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, for)
Review and Reversal of the North American)
Numbering Plan Administrator's Decision to)
Withhold Numbering Resources)

Case No. TO-2006-0335

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES

Issue Date: March 16, 2006

Effective Date: March 26, 2006

Background

On February 23, 2006, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, filed an application with Missouri Public Service Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) denying AT&T's request for additional numbering resources. The company requested that the Commission grant its request within ten days. On February 27, 2006, the Commission issued its order notifying telecommunications companies of the application and setting an intervention deadline of March 3, 2006. There were no requests to intervene. The Commission also directed the Staff of the Commission to file a recommendation no later than March 6, 2006.

The Application

AT&T stated that on February 13, 2006, it submitted a Thousand-Block application to NANPA, who denied the request on the grounds that AT&T had not met the utilization criteria set by the Federal Communications Commission, as adopted by the State of

Missouri. AT&T seeks the additional resources in order to meet the needs of a customer, the Internal Revenue Service, for six consecutive blocks of 1,000 numbers to serve in Kansas City. The IRS further requests that the NXX of the numbers end in 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, or 7. In a letter from the IRS, attached to the application, the IRS explains that it has other sites in Kansas City that will not be a part of the new complex that will be served by the requested numbers. Those sites already have NXXs ending in numbers other than 0, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7. Because of the 5-digit dialing used by the IRS, assigning numbers that end in the same NXX of those already in place will cause conflicts.

Staff Recommendation

Staff filed its memorandum and recommends that the Commission grant AT&T's request to reverse the decision of the NANPA. Staff affirms that AT&T has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Staff also recommends that if possible, the NXX of the numbers should end in 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, or 7 and *not* end in 3, 6, 8 or 9.

Discussion

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 AT&T has demonstrated a "verifiable need" for the numbering resources in question and that it has "exhausted all other remedies." The record shows that unless its

request is granted, AT&T will be unable to meet the needs of its customer. For that reason, the Commission will override the NANPA's determination.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application for reversal of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, is granted.

2. The decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to deny Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri's request for six consecutive blocks of NXX Direct Inward Dial contiguous numbers is reversed.

3. If possible, the NXX of the assigned numbers shall end in 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, or 7 (conversely, shall not end in 3, 6, 8, or 9).

4. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, shall return any unused telephone numbers to the Pooling Administrator.

5. This order shall become effective on March 26, 2006.

6. This case may be closed on March 27, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', is written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Jones, Regulatory Law Judge