

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 26th day of  
May, 2005.

In the Matter of the Application of Socket	)	
Telecom, LLC for Review and Reversal of North	)	
American Number Plan Administrator's Decision to	)	<b><u>Case No. TO-2005-0397</u></b>
Withhold Numbering Resources	)	

**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES**

Issue Date: May 26, 2005

Effective Date: June 5, 2005

Socket Telecom, LLC, has asked the Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) to deny Socket's request for additional numbering resources. Socket seeks the additional resources so that it can obtain a second Local Routing Number in the Springfield LATA.

In its application, Socket explains that a Local Routing Number is a 10-digit number that uniquely identifies a switch or point of interconnection. The Local Routing Number is used to route calls to numbers that have been ported. Socket needs the second Local Routing Number so that terminating long distance calls may be properly routed to Socket's network facilities and ultimately to Socket's local customers via Socket's point of interconnection with SBC in the Springfield rate center.

To obtain the needed Local Routing Number, Socket must obtain an additional NPA-NXX code, which means a block of 10,000 numbers. Socket would then return 9,000 of those numbers so that they can be reassigned to other carriers. On April 28, Socket

submitted an application to NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator for NANPA, for the additional numbers it requires. After submitting its request through the required electronic process, Socket 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. Socket filed its application asking the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision on May 2.

On May 3, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing Time for Filing Requests to Intervene, and Establishing Time for Filing Recommendations. The intervention deadline was set for May 11. No requests to intervene were received. The Commission required its Staff to file a recommendation no later than May 13, and permitted any other interested party to file a recommendation by the same date. Subsequently, at Staff's request, the date for filing a recommendation was extended to May 19.

Staff filed its recommendation on May 19. The Office of the Public Counsel, the only other party, has not taken a position regarding Socket's application.

Staff's recommendation indicates that that Socket has demonstrated a verifiable need for one block of 1,000 numbers. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Socket's request, reverse the decision of NANPA, and direct NANPA to issue Socket 10,000 telephone numbers in the Springfield rate center. Socket should then be required to return nine of the ten 1,000 blocks of numbers to NANPA.

NANPA is required to accept or reject an application for resources based solely on narrow criteria established by the Federal Communication Commission, and those criteria do not take into account Socket's need to establish a Local Routing Number. However, the FCC has given state commissions the authority to overturn NANPA's decisions when it is appropriate to do so.

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.

Based on the application and the recommendations of its Staff, the Commission finds that Socket 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, Socket will not be able to meet the needs of its customers. For that reason, the Commission will overturn NANPA's determination.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Application filed by Socket Telecom, LLC, requesting review and reversal of the North American Number Plan Administrator's decision denying numbering resources is granted.
2. That the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator to deny Socket Telecom, LLC's request for a block of phone numbers in the Springfield rate center is overturned.
3. That the North American Number Plan Administrator shall assign Socket Telecom, LLC, one block of 10,000 phone numbers in the Springfield rate center.
4. That thereafter Socket Telecom, LLC, shall return nine of the ten 1,000-blocks of telephone numbers to the North American Number Plan Administrator.
5. That this order shall become effective on June 5, 2005.

6. That this case may be closed on June 6, 2005.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'CMD', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge