

**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-2006-0336

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES

Issue Date: March 16, 2006

Effective Date: March 26, 2006

Background

On February 24, 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 December 2, 2005, the Office of the Public Counsel, AT&T Missouri and the Staff of the Commission filed a Stipulation and Agreement in, *In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area Plan to*

*Include the Exchanges of Washington, Union, Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville ,Beaufort, Foley, and Warrenton.*¹ In anticipation of the Commission approving the Stipulation and Agreement, AT&T submitted a Thousand-Block Application Form for the assignment of four 10,000 blocks to implement Metropolitan Calling Area in the AT&T exchanges of Beaufort, St. Clair, Union, and Washington. The NANPA granted the request for the St. Clair and Washington exchanges, but denied the request for the Beaufort and Union exchanges on the grounds that AT&T had not met the utilization criteria of 75%.

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 recommends that the Commission grant to AT&T two 1,000 blocks of MCA/NXX in the Beaufort and Union rate centers.

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

¹ Commission Case Number TO-2005-0141.

request is granted, AT&T will be unable to meet the needs of its customers. 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 two contiguous blocks of 1,000 numbers; for the Beaufort and Union rate centers, for the expansion of the Metropolitan Calling Area is reversed.

3. Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a AT&T Missouri, shall return nine blocks of one-thousand numbers for each exchange to the Pooling Administrator.

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

5. 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