

**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)
AT&T Missouri, for Review and Reversal)
of the North American Numbering Plan)
Administrator's Decision to Withhold)
Numbering Resources)

Case TO-2006-0336

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 AT&T Missouri filed an application with NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator of the North American Numbering Plan ("Pooling Administrator") to obtain four 10,000 blocks of telephone numbers to implement Metropolitan Calling Area ("MCA") in the AT&T rate centers of Beaufort and Union. The Pooling Administrator denied AT&T Missouri's request because AT&T Missouri's utilization rate did not meet the required utilization rate. AT&T Missouri now seeks review of the Pooling Administrator's decision.

2. This Commission may overturn the Pooling Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from AT&T Missouri if the Commission determines that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

3. In the attached Memorandum, labeled Appendix A, the Staff agrees that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Without an Order from the Commission approving AT&T Missouri's request to receive the desired NPA/NXX codes in the Beaufort and Union rate centers, AT&T

Missouri will be unable to implement the Commission's *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Order Directing Filing* in Case No. TO-2005-0141 (In the Matter of a Request for Expansion of the St. Louis MCA Plan). Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order overturning the Pooling Administrator's decision.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission, at its earliest convenience, issue an order that:

- (1) determines that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies;
- (2) reverses the decision of the Pooling Administrator and approves AT&T Missouri's request for two contiguous blocks of 1,000 numbers: one for the Beaufort rate center and one for the Union rate center, for the expansion of the MCA in Case No. TO-2005-0141.

Respectfully submitted,

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