

**'STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day
of June, 2006.

In the Matter of the Application of MCI Communications)	
Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, for)	
Review and Reversal of the North American Numbering)	<u>Case No. TO-2006-0478</u>
Plan Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering)	
Resources.)	

**ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES
AND GRANTING MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: June 27, 2006

Effective Date: June 29, 2006

On June 15, 2006, MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, filed an application and motion for expedited treatment, asking the Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) denying Verizon Business Services' request for additional numbering resources. Verizon sought the additional resources in order to provide basic local telecommunications service to a customer in the 314 Numbering Plan Area (NPA).

In its application, Verizon Business Services states that it submitted to NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator for the NANPA, a Thousands-Block Application Form for the assignment of a block of 2,000 contiguous numbers. Verizon explains that it submitted the request because it does not have such a block of numbers which could be used to serve the customer. Verizon Business Services states that the Pooling Administrator denied the request on the grounds that Verizon had not met required federal guidelines regarding

exhaustion of numbers within the next six months. Thus, Verizon Business Services has submitted its application to the Missouri Public Service Commission, requesting that the Commission overturn NeuStar's decision. So that it may timely serve its customer, Verizon also requested that the Commission make its decision within ten business days of the application being filed.

On June 16, 2006, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing Time for Filing Requests to Intervene, and Establishing Time for Filing Recommendations. The Commission set an intervention deadline of June 21, 2006. No requests to intervene have been received. The Commission required its Staff to file a recommendation no later than June 23, 2006, and permitted any other interested party to file a recommendation by the same date.

Staff filed its Recommendation and Memorandum on June 23, 2006. Staff agrees that Verizon Business Services has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. Staff recommends that the Commission grant Verizon Business Services' request, reverse the decision of the NANPA, and direct the NANPA to issue Verizon Business Services a block of 2,000 contiguous numbers. No other response to the application was received.

The Commission is given the authority to overturn a decision of the 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 review of the verified application, including a letter from Verizon's potential new customer, and the recommendation of Staff, which are hereby admitted into evidence,

the Commission determines that Verizon Business Services 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, Verizon Business Services will not be able to meet the needs of its customer in the 314 NPA. For that reason, the Commission will override the determination of the NANPA.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The application and motion for expedited treatment of MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, filed on June 15, 2006, are granted.
2. The decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to deny the request of MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, to receive a block of 2,000 contiguous telephone numbers to serve a customer in the 314 Numbering Plan Area, is overturned.
3. Neustar, Inc., shall release to MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services, a block of 2,000 contiguous telephone numbers for the 314 Numbering Plan Area.
4. This order shall become effective on June 29, 2006.
5. This case may be closed on June 30, 2006.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge