

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 6, 2001**

**REGULAR AGENDA**  X  **CONSENT AGENDA**   **EFFECTIVE DATE**

**DATE:** March 1, 2001

**TO:** Phil Nyegaard

**FROM:** Sterling Sawyer Through Cynthia VanLanduyt

**SUBJECT:** Request to grant an exception to FCC rules to allow the assignment of two blocks of 10,000 numbers be made available to INTEL Corporation.

**SUMMARY RECOMMENDATION:**

The Commission should instruct staff to support Verizon/INTEL Corporation's request for assignment of two prefixes from the available pool of Area Code 971 prefixes.

**DISCUSSION:**

In an effort to increase the accountability of the telephone number assignment process, the FCC instructed the North American Number Planning Administration (NANPA) to raise the requirements for release of new telephone numbers. These tougher requirements place an increased burden of "proof of need" on the requesting carrier. In Order 00-104, the FCC recognized the need for exception to these higher thresholds and allows a carrier to challenge NANPA's denial of a code assignment through support from the State Commission. It is the OPUC support for variance to the FCC code assignment thresholds that Verizon, as the carrier serving INTEL, is requesting. (See attached Verizon letter)

On December 14, 2000 Verizon requested two prefix codes be assigned by NANPA for use by INTEL. The request was denied on December 21, 2000. INTEL had requested that the numbers be available for use no later than February 18, 2001.

The denial of Verizon's code request in December was due to failure of Verizon to meet the number usage requirements, not INTEL. Under the FCC assignment rules, Verizon has sufficient numbers to meet the needs of its customers including INTEL from its existing number inventory. The problem lies in the requirement of INTEL's internal switching design requiring large blocks of sequential numbers. Verizon does not have the sequential numbers needed by INTEL.

INTEL has been very cooperative in working with Verizon and the Commission Staff to minimize the impact of their telecommunications needs on the surrounding community. INTEL plans to return to Verizon unused numbers that are not consistent with their telecommunication dialing plan. Many of the returned numbers will be from INTEL'S current pool of 503 area code

numbers and will help extend the final exhaust date of the 503 area code in the new, expanded, Beaverton rate center.

Staff finds that INTEL's request for two prefixes for its Verizon service area campuses is reasonable and staff supports Verizon's request for reconsideration of NANPA's December 21, 2000 code denial.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Commission should instruct staff to prepare a letter to the NANPA code administrator of the Oregon 503/971 area code instructing NANPA to honor Verizon's request for two prefixes from the available supply of prefixes in the 971 area code.