

ITEM NO. CA1

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: March 16, 2004**

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DATE: February 17, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Phil Nyegaard and Irv Emmons

FROM: Wolodymyr Birko

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION : (Docket No. UM 1132) Medford rate center numbering expansion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission issue an order granting Qwest Corporation (Qwest) a waiver of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) months to exhaust criterion for the issuance of 1000 consecutive numbers for the Rouge Valley Medical Center Asante Health System.

DISCUSSION:

Qwest is requesting Neustar (the National numbering administrator) to open 1000 consecutive numbers out of the Medford (MDFDOR33DS0) switch in a 541-XXX-7XXX numbering sequence.

Qwest submitted a request for numbers to Neustar and was denied because Qwest did not meet the FCC months to exhaust criterion, which is six months or less to exhaust. The other criterion that Qwest must meet is number utilization, which is 70 percent or more.

The FCC, in its Second Report and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization, allowed for a waiver of the numbering rules by a State Commission where there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers (*FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 00-429*).

This request from Asante for 1000 numbers is needed to meet their dialing plans in Medford. The Medford rate center is at 106 months to exhaust and 80 percent utilization.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

That an order be issued granting Qwest Corporation a waiver of the FCC's months to exhaust criterion for the Medford rate center in order to accommodate Asante's need for 1000 consecutive numbers in the 541-XXX-7XXX number group.