

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
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DATE: April 12, 2004

TO: Lee Sparling through Phil Nyegaard and Irv Emmons

FROM: Wolodymyr Birko

SUBJECT: QWEST CORPORATION: (Docket No. UM 1136) Bend rate center numbering expansion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission grant Qwest Corporation (Qwest) a waiver of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requirements involving the Months to Exhaust (MTE) criterion for the granting of four blocks of 1,000 numbers in the Bend (BENDOR24DS0) switch within the Bend rate center.

DISCUSSION:

Qwest received a request from the Deschutes County 911 center for 2000 new consecutive DID numbers. Qwest also received requests for 300 consecutive DID numbers for the State of Oregon, 40 consecutive numbers for Compass Commercial, 40 consecutive DID numbers for Liberty Bank, 20 consecutive DID numbers for Oregon Telecom, 40 consecutive DID numbers for Century Insurance, 80 consecutive DID numbers for John L Scott Realty and 60 consecutive DID numbers for PACWest. All of these entities are served from the Bend switch.

Qwest submitted the information required by Neustar/NANPA, the national numbering administrator, on their online system requesting numbers to satisfy the customer. The request was denied because Qwest had not met the FCC MTE criterion for additional numbers in the Bend rate center. The exhaust criterion is six months. The Bend rate center is at 13.9 MTE . Qwest does not qualify for additional numbers at this time in its Bend rate center.

The FCC allowed for a waiver of the rules when there is a demonstrated need for a large block of numbers as Qwest is requesting. The FCC delegated authority to State Commissions to grant requests for additional numbering resources in its Third Report

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and Order on Numbering Resource Optimization; FCC Docket No. 99-200, Order No. 01-362.

Granting the various requests would be in the public interest.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

That the months to exhaust criterion be waived for Qwest's Bend rate center and that Neustar/NANPA provide 4000 additional numbers out of the BENDOR24DS0 switch.