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Case 2005-00021

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re:

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition

Requesting the Commission's Intervention in NANPA NXX Code Assignments (Shelbyville Rate Center, Area

Code 502 – Commonwealth Bank)

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Petition for Review of NXX Code Denial in the Shelbyville Rate Center.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy Chambers

Enclosures

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

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BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s)		
Petition Requesting the Commission's Intervention)	Case No.	2005-00021
In NANPA NXX Code Assignments (NPA 502))		

BELLSOUTH'S PETITION FOR REVIEW OF NXX CODE DENIAL IN THE SHELBYVILLE RATE CENTER

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), through its undersigned counsel, pursuant to the rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for challenging determinations of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator ("NANPA"), petitions the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("Commission") for review of NANPA's denial of BellSouth's application for use of central office numbering resources in the 502 area code.

In support of this petition BellSouth states:

- BellSouth is a telecommunications utility regulated by the Commission. It
 provides, among other services, intraLATA local exchange telecommunications
 services in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- 2. NANPA is an independent non-governmental entity that is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan ("NANP"). See 47 C.F.R. Sec. 52.13 (a), (b).
- 3. On March 31, 2000, the FCC issued a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making relating to numbering resource optimization ("FCC 00-

- 104"). The goal of FCC 00-104 was to implement uniform standards governing requests for telephone numbering resources in order to increase efficiency in the use of telephone numbers and to avoid further exhaustion of numbers under the NANP.
- 4. Among other things, FCC 00-104 adopted a revised standard for assessing a carrier's need for numbering resources by requiring carriers to report rate center based utilization data to NANPA, rather than switch-specific utilization data. The FCC further required that, to qualify for access to new numbering resources, applicants must establish that existing inventory within the applicant's rate center will exhaust within six (6) months of the application. The FCC reaffirmed this requirement in two subsequent orders. FCC 00-429 at para. 29 (rel. Dec. 29, 2000); FCC 01-362 at para. 48-49 (rel. Dec. 28, 2001).
- 5. The shift to a rate center basis for determining the need for new numbering resources was intended to "more accurately reflect how numbering resources are assigned" and to allow carriers "to obtain numbering resources in response to specific customer demands." FCC 00-104, para. 105.
- 6. In addition to the months-to-exhaust ("MTE") requirement described above, the FCC's rules also require carriers to meet a rate center utilization threshold of seventy-five percent (75%) in order to receive additional numbering resources in a given rate center. FCC 00-429 at para. 22-26; FCC 01-362, para. 50. Based on the FCC's orders, carriers must meet both the MTE requirement and the utilization threshold requirement on a rate center basis in order to obtain additional numbering resources. Id.

- 7. On December 28, 2004, BellSouth submitted a Central Office Code (NXX)

 Assignment Request ("Part 1") and CO Code Assignment/Months-to-Exhaust

 Certification Request Worksheet to NANPA for the assignment of an NXX code

 needed to meet the numbering demands of Commonwealth Bank in Shelbyville,

 KY. The affected BellSouth customer will be served by the Shelbyville switch in
 the Shelbyville rate center. The application is attached hereto as Attachment 1.
- 8. BellSouth completed the application in accordance with the Industry Numbering
 Committee's Guidelines and filled out the necessary Months-To-Exhaust
 Certification Worksheets as required.
- 9. The code assignment request was for a growth code in the 502 NPA to meet Commonwealth Bank's request for 500 consecutive numbers. BellSouth, however, did not have sufficient number resources available within its inventory in the Shelbyville Rate Center that did not conflict with Commonwealth's current dialing pattern and was unable to meet the customer's specific request for numbering resources. At the time of the filing of the Code request, the Shelbyville Rate Center had an MTE of 32.75 and a utilization of 85.21%. BellSouth submitted this code request because the Shelbyville switch does not have a block of consecutive numbers that does not conflict with Commonwealth Bank's current dialing pattern that is large enough to meet the customer's needs. On December 28, 2004, NANPA's Central Office Code Administration denied BellSouth's code request on the grounds that BellSouth had not met the rate center based monthsto-exhaust criterion now set forth in the Central Office (NXX) Guidelines.

 NANPA denied BellSouth's code requests despite the fact that BellSouth does not

have adequate numbering resources needed to satisfy its customer's demands in the above referenced switch. NANPA's response (Part 3) is on the last screen of Attachment 1.

- 10. BellSouth's inability to provide this important customer Commonwealth Bank with the requested numbers prevents BellSouth from providing the quality of service this customer desires, needs, and expects. If BellSouth is not assigned the code needed to meet the customer's request, BellSouth will be unable to provide the telecommunications services requested by the customer. NANPA's refusal to grant numbering resources sufficient to meet Commonwealth Bank's needs is inconsistent with the FCC's position that "[u]nder no circumstances should consumers be precluded from receiving telecommunications services of their choice from providers of their choice for a want of numbering resources." FCC 00-429 at para.61.
- Both the FCC's rules and the Central Office Code (NXX) Guidelines provide that state regulatory authorities have the power and authority to review NANPA's decision to deny a request for numbering resources. See FCC 01-362, Appendix A, Final Rules, para. 52.15(g)(4)("The carrier may challenge the NANPA's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission.") FCC 01-362 at para. 61-66; Central Office Code (NXX) Guidelines para. 13.0 ("Appeals may include but are not limited to one or more of the following options: . . . C. The CO Code

¹ BellSouth employs a number administration technique called "sequential numbering" in order to preserve the largest blocks of consecutive numbers for as long as possible. The lack of consecutive numbers in the switch referred to above is the consequence of a high level of utilization, not any failure on BellSouth's part to conserve blocks of consecutive numbers.

- Administrator(s) and code holders/applicants may pursue the disagreement with the appropriate governmental/regulatory body").
- 12. Prior to the FCC's orders and the resulting change in the Central Office Code
 (NXX) Assignment Guidelines, the MTE procedures used by NANPA permitted a
 carrier to receive a code assignment, even if the MTE requirement at the switch
 level was not met. These waivers or exceptions were granted where customer
 hardships could be demonstrated or where the service provider's inventory did not
 have a block of sequential numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific
 request. Under today's procedures, NANPA looks at the MTE for the entire rate
 center without any exceptions. The FCC has determined, however, that States
 may grant relief "if a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request
 for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current
 inventory." FCC 01-362, para. 64. In addition, the FCC has ruled that, "States . . .
 may grant requests for customers seeking contiguous blocks of numbers." Id.
- 13. BellSouth requests that the Commission reverse NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from BellSouth. BellSouth's request for numbering resources would not materially impact exhaustion of the remaining 72 NXXs available in the 502 area code.
- 14. This Commission, as well as the Commissions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia,

 Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee have all

 previously addressed similar situations and ordered NANPA to provide BellSouth

 with the numbering resources, even though BellSouth was unable to satisfy the

 required months-to-exhaust criteria.

WHEREFORE, BellSouth requests that the Commission:

- 1. Reverse the decision of NANPA to deny BellSouth's requests for additional numbering resources,
- 2. Direct NANPA to provide the requested central office code for the switch identified herein, and
- 3. Grant the requested relief as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of January, 2005.

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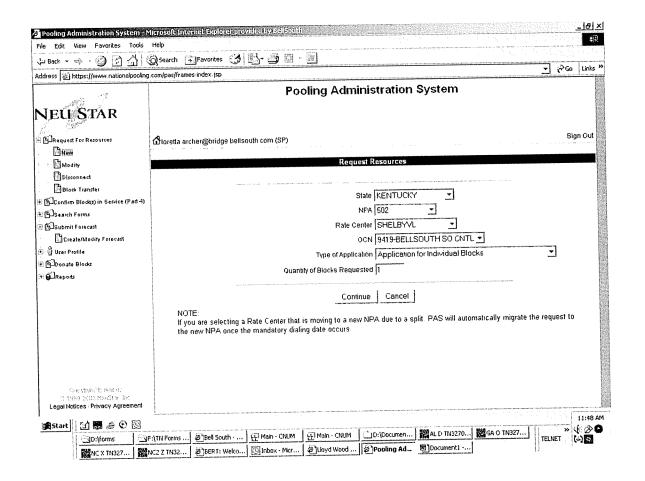
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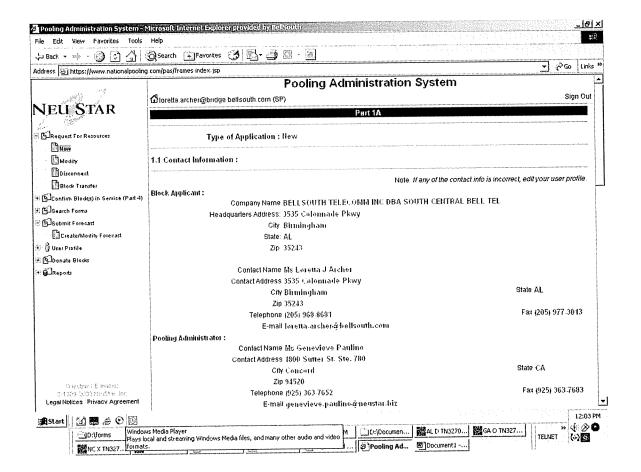
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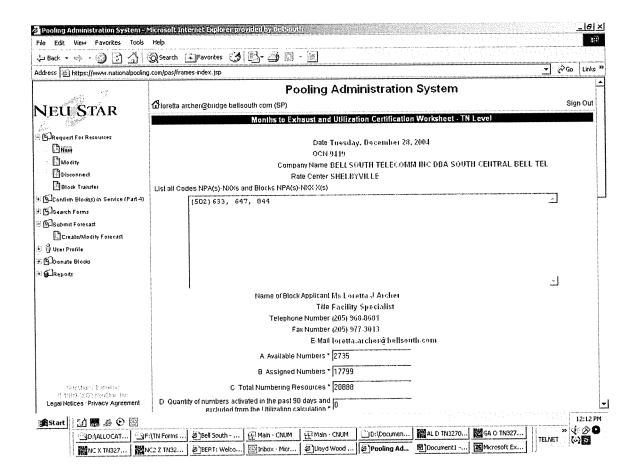
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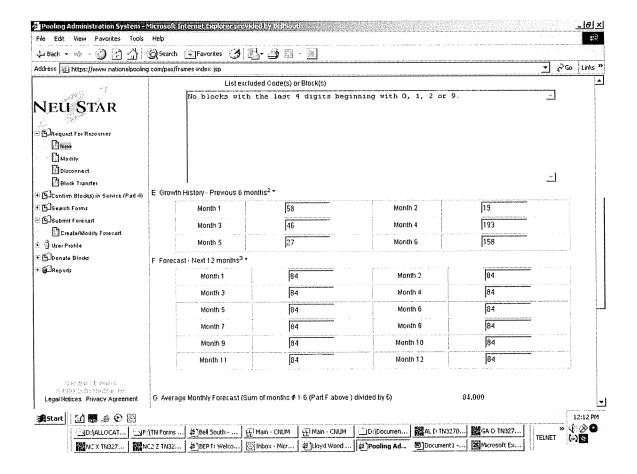




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