

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF NANPA ON BEHALF OF THE)
KENTUCKY TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY)
FOR APPROVAL OF NPA RELIEF PLAN FOR THE) CASE NO.
270 NPA, AND NUMBER CONSERVATION) 2006-00357
MEASURES WITHIN KENTUCKY)

O R D E R

On October 10, 2006, the Commission filed with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") a petition for delegated authority to implement mandatory thousands-block number pooling in rate centers within the 270 Numbering Plan Area ("NPA").¹ On May 31, 2007, the FCC granted the petition.² A vast majority of rate centers within the 270 NPA are listed as optional number pooling rate centers and, thus, the Commission believes that mandatory pooling may extend the life of the 270 NPA and could delay the need for immediate NPA relief.

The Commission must act quickly to implement the authority delegated by the FCC in order to assess the full impact of mandatory pooling upon the life of the 270 NPA. Therefore, the Commission believes mandatory pooling should begin in all rate centers within the 270 NPA by November 30, 2007. This will allow enough time for

¹ The Kentucky Public Service Commission's Petition for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures (dated October 10, 2006).

² *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Petition of the Kentucky Public Service Commission for Additional Delegated Authority to Implement Number Conservation Measures*, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 96-98, DA (May 31, 2007).

block donations to begin occurring prior to the next Numbering Resource Utilization/Forecast (“NRUF”) cycle. By so doing, the Commission believes the next NRUF report should indicate an increased projected life of the 270 NPA.

All non-paging carriers with numbering resources in rate centers within the 270 NPA must evaluate their inventories and be prepared to donate uncontaminated thousand-blocks, and thousand-blocks that are up to 10 percent contaminated, to the rate center numbering resources pool in accordance with the Industry Numbering Committee Thousands-Block Number (NXX-X) Pooling Administration Guidelines (ATIS-0300066).³ All numbering resources should be allocated to non-paging carriers in blocks of 1,000 through the Pooling Administrator.⁴ Bi-annual NRUF reporting should be completed on the one thousand block level for all rate centers marked as mandatory by the Pooling Administrator.

The Commission issued an Order on June 15, 2007, requiring carriers within the 270 NPA to notify the Commission of any rate centers that are currently exempted from mandatory pooling according to FCC rules. After reviewing the responses, the Commission has determined that those rate centers where only one service provider currently exists and where the incumbent carrier has received no bona-fide request to become Local Number Portability (“LNP”) capable, should retain their exemption from mandatory number pooling. However, if at any point a carrier should receive a bona-

³ “Uncontaminated thousand-blocks” means blocks of one thousand sequential telephone numbers within a ten thousand number code, of which the carrier has used no telephone numbers. A one thousand number block that is “up to 10 percent contaminated” means a block of one thousand sequential telephone numbers within a ten thousand number code, of which the carrier has used one hundred or fewer numbers.

⁴ The current Pooling Administrator is NeuStar Inc.

bona-fide request to become LNP-capable in one of the rate centers currently exempted from mandatory pooling, that rate center should no longer be exempt from mandatory number pooling.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. By November 30, 2007, all rate centers within the 270 NPA, which are not currently exempted from mandatory pooling according to FCC rules, shall be designated as mandatory for thousands-block number pooling.

2. All carriers holding numbers in the 270 NPA shall ready their inventories to donate uncontaminated thousand-blocks, and thousand-blocks that are up to 10 percent contaminated, to the rate center number pool.

3. By November 30, 2007, all numbering resources shall be allocated in thousand-blocks within all non-exempt rate centers within the 270 NPA, in conjunction with the Pooling Administrator.

4. NRUF data shall be reported for all rate centers in the 270 NPA at the thousands-block level.

5. Representatives from all non-paging carriers with numbering resources in the 270 NPA shall attend industry meetings regarding thousands-block number pooling in the 270 NPA as scheduled by the Pooling Administrator.

6. Any rate center within the 270 NPA which is currently marked as exempt from mandatory thousands-block number pooling shall be designated as mandatory if, at any point, a carrier receives a bona-fide request to become LNP-capable within that rate center.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of July, 2007.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

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Executive Director