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RE: Docket No. 120041-TL, Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code Denials by the North American Numbers Plan Administration for the Crystal River Exchange

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) are the original and seven copies of CenturyLink's Petition for expedited Review of NXX-X Code Denial, which we ask that you file in the captioned new docket.

Copies are being served on the parties in this docket pursuant to the attached certificate of service.

If you have any questions regarding this electronic filing, please do not hesitate to call me at (850) 599-1560.

Sincerely,

*Susan S. Masterton*  
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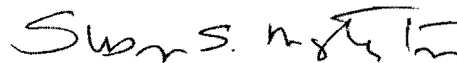
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by regular U.S. Mail on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012 to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Expedited Review of Growth  
Code Denials by the North American Numbering  
Plan Administration for the Crystal River Exchange

Docket No. 120041-TL

Date Filed: February 15, 2012

**PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF NXX-X CODE DENIAL**

Embarq Florida, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (“CenturyLink”), pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 52.15(g)(iv), Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) Order FCC 00-104, and Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Order No. PSC-01-1973-PCO-TL, petitions the Commission to review the Pooling Administrator’s (“NeuStar”) denial of CenturyLink’s request for additional numbering resources in the Crystal River Exchange. In support of this petition, CenturyLink states:

**PARTIES**

1. CenturyLink is an incumbent local exchange company (“ILEC”) regulated by the Commission and authorized to provide local exchange telecommunications and intraLATA toll telecommunications in the State of Florida.

2. NeuStar is an independent non-governmental entity, which is responsible for administering and managing the numbering resources in pooling areas. See 47 C.F.R § 52.20(d).

**JURISDICTION**

3. The Commission has jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to the Industry Numbering Committee’s (INC) Number Pooling Guidelines Sections 3.7 and 12(c). This provision provides that a carrier may challenge NeuStar’s decision to deny numbering resources to the appropriate regulatory authority.

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## **BACKGROUND AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

4. The Crystal River Exchange consists of one (1) central office and one (1) switching entity that utilizes numbering resources.

5. On February 14, 2012, CenturyLink requested additional numbering resources from NeuStar for the Crystal River exchange. (See Attachment 1 which was filed under Claim of Confidentiality with the Commission Clerk's Office.) Specifically, in order to meet the telephone number needs of one of its customers, CenturyLink requested a new NXX in the Crystal River (CRRVFLXADS0) wire center. CenturyLink cannot currently meet this request given the inventory of numbers available at this time in this switch. CenturyLink has requested NeuStar to assign a full NXX to this switch so that this specific customer can have 5000 consecutive DID numbers assigned within the thousands blocks needed in order to work within the customer's existing deal plan.

6. At the time of the code request, the Crystal River exchange had a Months-to-Exhaust (MTE) of much longer than six (6) months and a utilization of 44%. There are no unassigned NXX's available in this exchange to meet this request.

7. On February 14, 2012, NeuStar denied CenturyLink's request for additional numbering resources because CenturyLink had not met the MTE and utilization criteria, notwithstanding the fact that CenturyLink's Crystal River switch does not have the available block of numbers in sufficient quantity in the necessary thousands blocks to meet the customer's requirements. (See Attachment 1 which was filed under Claim of Confidentiality with the Commission Clerk's Office.)

8. CenturyLink's request for additional numbering resources to meet this requirement in the Crystal River Exchange would not materially impact exhaustion of available numbers in the 352 area code.

9. As discussed above, both the FCC Order and INC guidelines provided that state regulatory authorities have the power and authority to review NANPA's decision to deny a request for numbering resources. See INC Number Pooling Guidelines Sections 3.7 and 11.1(c).

10. Under earlier procedures used by NANPA, waivers or exceptions were granted when customer hardships could be demonstrated or when the service provider's inventory did not have a block of sequential numbers large enough to meet the customer's specific request. Under existing procedures, NeuStar and NANPA look at the MTE criteria and utilization threshold for the rate center and allow exceptions. The current process is arbitrary and may result in (1) decisions contrary to the public interest and welfare of consumers in the State of Florida; and (2) decisions that do not necessarily promote the efficient use of telephone numbers.

11. CenturyLink's inability to provide the customer with the requested block of numbers prevents CenturyLink from providing the quality of service this customer desires and expects.

12. The Commission has previously received similar requests from numerous carriers, both ILECs and CLECs in which the carriers have asked the PSC to overrule a decision of NANPA and NeuStar. The Commission has granted these requests.

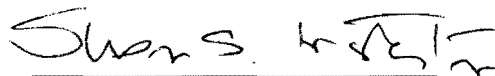
13. CenturyLink requests that the Commission use its delegated authority to reverse NeuStar's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyLink and waive the Months-to-Exhaust and Utilization requirements on the following grounds:

- (a.) NeuStar's denial of numbering resources to CenturyLink interferes with CenturyLink's ability to service its customers within the State of Florida.
- (b.) As a result of NeuStar's denial of CenturyLink's request for additional numbering resources, CenturyLink will be unable to provide telecommunications services to its customers.

WHEREFORE, CenturyLink requests:

1. The Commission review the decision of NeuStar to deny CenturyLink's request for additional numbering resources for the Crystal River exchange, and
2. The Commission directs NeuStar to provide the requested numbering resources for the Crystal River exchange as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.



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