

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for expedited review of NXX-X code denial by Number Pooling Administrator for the Port St. Lucie rate center, by Teleport Communications America, LLC - FL.

DOCKET NO. 20190026-TA
ORDER NO. PSC-2019-0055-PAA-TA
ISSUED: February 5, 2019

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER DIRECTING SOMOS, INC. TO PROVIDE TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, LLC-FL WITH ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

BACKGROUND

On December 19, 2018, Teleport Communications America, LLC – FL (TCAL or Company) filed a request for additional numbering resources from the Number Pooling Administrator¹ for the Port St. Lucie rate center (WPBHFLGRXFY) switch. TCAL requested four blocks to meet the request of a specific customer for 4,000 consecutive numbers in the format of NPA-NXX. On December 19, 2018, NeuStar denied TCAL’s request for additional numbering resources because NeuStar determined that TCAL did not meet the utilization criteria.

On January 23, 2019, pursuant to 47 C.F.R.52(g)(4)(iv), FCC 00-104, Order No. PSC 2001-1973-PCO-TL, and Industry Numbering Committees (INC) Numbering Pooling Guidelines Sections 3.7 and 12(c), TCAL filed a petition asking that this Commission reverse NeuStar’s decision. In its petition, TCAL asserts that at the time of the code request, the Port St. Lucie exchange had a Months-to-Exhaust of 6.9 and a utilization of 43.26%. TCAL requests that we reverse NeuStar’s decision because NeuStar’s denial interferes with TCAL’s ability to serve its customers in Florida.

We are vested with jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 364.16(7), F.S., and 47 C.F.R. §52.15.

¹ The Administrator was formerly NeuStar and now is Somos, Inc.

ANALYSIS

NeuStar has denied TCAL additional numbering resources because the Company has not met the applicable utilization or MTE criteria.

However, denial of additional numbering resources poses a possible barrier to competition. In this instance, a customer desiring service from TCAL might have to obtain services from another carrier simply because TCAL cannot meet the utilization or months-to-exhaust rate center requirement. By Order No. DA 01-386², the FCC stated:

Under no circumstances should consumers be precluded from receiving telecommunications services of their choice from providers of their choice for want of numbering resources.

A procedure is available to carriers who are denied additional numbering resources to challenge that decision. Addressing additional numbering resources denials, 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv), states, in part:

The carrier may challenge NeuStar's decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state regulatory commission may affirm or overturn the NeuStar decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination of compliance with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein.

In reviewing the Company's petition as contemplated by 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv), we have considered the information provided by TCAL and, in accordance with Order No. PSC-2001-1973-PCO-TL,³ find that the Company has met the following criteria:

The Company has demonstrated that it has a customer in need of immediate numbering resources.

The Company has shown that it is unable to provide services to a potential customer because of NeuStar's denial of the numbering resources.

A potential customer cannot obtain service from the provider of its choice because the Company does not have the numbers available.

²DA 01-386, CC Docket No. 99-200, CC Docket No. 96-98, In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization, Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (February 14, 2001), at Paragraph 11.

³ Issued on October 4, 2001, in Docket No. 20010782-TL, *In re: Petition for generic proceedings to establish expedited process for reviewing North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) future denials of applications for use of additional NXX Codes by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.*

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, we find it appropriate to reverse NeuStar's decision to deny additional numbering resources and direct NeuStar's replacement, Somos, Inc., to provide TCAL with additional numbering resources for the Port St. Lucie exchange switch as soon as possible to meet its customer's needs.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Number Pooling Administrator (Somos, Inc.) shall provide Teleport Communications America, LLC – FL with additional numbering resources for the Port St. Lucie switch (WPBHFLGRXFY) as soon as possible, as reflected in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 5th day of February, 2019.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on February 26, 2019.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.