

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for expedited review of Somos, Inc.'s denial of application for numbering resources for the West Palm Beach rate center, by MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services.

DOCKET NO. 20240152-TA  
ORDER NO. PSC-2024-0474-PAA-TA  
ISSUED: November 18, 2024

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION  
ORDER DIRECTING SOMOS, INC. TO PROVIDE MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION  
SERVICES LLC d/b/a VERIZON ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES  
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 September 27, 2024, MCI metro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon) filed a request for additional numbering resources from the Number Pooling Administrator, Somos, Inc. (Somos), for the West Palm Beach (WPALMBEACH) rate center. Verizon requested a one thousand block (Thousand Block) of consecutive DID telephone numbers to meet the request of a specific customer for 400 consecutive DID telephone numbers in the 561 NPA. On September 27, 2024, Somos denied Verizon's request for additional numbering resources because Somos determined that Verizon did not meet the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) utilization criteria or the months-to-exhaust (MTE) criteria, even though Verizon does not have the numbering resources to satisfy its customer's request.

On November 1, 2024, Verizon filed a petition requesting that we overturn Somos' decision. In its petition, Verizon asserts that at the time of the code request, the West Palm Beach rate center had a months-to-exhaust (MTE) of 248.89 and utilization of 39.102%. Verizon requests that we review Somos' decision because Somos' denial interferes with Verizon's ability to serve its customers in Florida and that we direct Somos to provide the requested numbering resources to Verizon for the West Palm Beach rate center.

We are vested with jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 364.16(7), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv).

### ANALYSIS

Somos denied Verizon additional numbering resources because Verizon had not met the applicable utilization and/or MTE requirements. However, denial of additional numbering resources poses a possible barrier to competition. In this instance, a customer desiring service from Verizon may have to obtain services from another carrier simply because Verizon cannot meet the utilization or the months-to-exhaust rate center requirement. By Order No. DA 01-386, the FCC stated:

Under no circumstances should consumers be precluded from receiving telecommunication services of their choice from providers of their choice for want of numbering resources.<sup>1</sup>

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

The carrier may challenge [Somos'] decision to the appropriate state regulatory commission. The state commission may affirm, or may overturn, [Somos'] decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has complied with the reporting and numbering resource application requirements herein.

In reviewing Verizon's petition as contemplated by 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4)(iv), we have considered the information provided by Verizon, and, in accordance with Order No. PSC-2001-1973-PCO-TL,<sup>2</sup> we find that Verizon has met the following criteria:

- Verizon has demonstrated that it has customers in need of numbering resources;
- Verizon has shown that it will be unable to provide services to these potential customers because of Somos' denial of the numbering resources; and,
- A potential customer(s) will not be able to obtain service from the provider of his/her choice because Verizon does not have the numbers available.

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<sup>1</sup> DA 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.

<sup>2</sup> Order No. PSC-2001-1973-PCO-TL, 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

For the above reasons, we find it appropriate to reverse Somos' decision to deny additional numbering resources to Verizon, and direct Somos, Inc. to provide Verizon with additional numbering resources for the West Palm Beach (WPALMBEACH) rate center as soon as possible to meet its customers' needs.

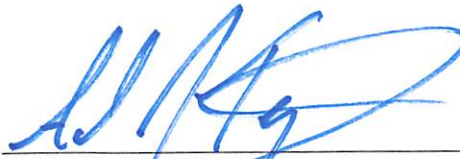
Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Number Pooling Administrator, Somos, Inc., shall provide MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC dba Verizon Access Transmission Services, with additional numbering resources for the West Palm Beach (WPALMBEACH) rate center 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 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 18th day of November, 2024.



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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 December 9, 2024.

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.