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Dear Ms. Bayó:

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

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Sincerely,

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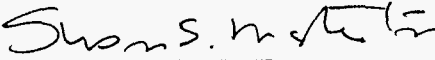
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Expedited Review of Growth)
Code Denials by the North American Numbering)
Administration for the Tallahassee Exchange)
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Docket No. 050536-TL

Filed: August 5, 2005

PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF NXX-X CODE DENIAL

Sprint-Florida, Incorporated ("Sprint"), 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 ("NewStar") denial of Sprint's requests for additional numbering resources in the Tallahassee Exchange. In support of this petition, Sprint states:

PARTIES

1. Sprint 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. On March 31, 2000, the FCC issued Order No. 00-104 (“FCC 00-104” or the “Order”) in the Numbering Resource Optimization docket (Docket No. 99-200). 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 telephone numbers under the NANP.
5. Among other things, FCC 00-104 adopted a revised standard for assessing a carrier’s need for numbering resources by requiring rate center based utilization rates to be reported to NANPA. FCC Order at § 105. The FCC further required that, to qualify for access to new numbering resources, applicants must establish that existing numbering inventory within the applicant’s rate center will be exhausted within six months of the application. Prior to the ruling, the Central Office Code Assignment Guidelines, used by the industry and NANPA to make code assignments, required the applicant’s existing number inventory within the applicant’s serving switch to exhaust within a specific months-to-exhaust (“MTE”) of the code application in order for a code to be assigned or for the carrier to prove that it was unable to meet a specific customer’s request with its current inventory of numbers. The FCC stated that 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 Order at ¶ 105.

6. On December 29, 2000, the FCC also released FCC 00-429, which reaffirmed FCC 00-104 and required carriers to also meet a 60 percent initial utilization threshold. FCC 00-429 at ¶ 26. Based on these two FCC orders, carriers are required to meet six MTE criteria as well as a utilization threshold on a rate center/exchange basis in order to be granted additional numbering resources. Id. At ¶ 29.
7. In FCC 00-104, the FCC directed the industry and the Pooling Administrator to comply with the INC Pooling Guidelines. FCC 00-104 ¶ 183. Pursuant to the INC Guidelines, in order to obtain thousand-block allocations, the carrier must demonstrate that its existing numbering resources for the rate center will exhaust within six (6) months and also have a utilization of 75 percent for the specific rate center. See INC Guidelines Section 4.3 (c) [THOUSANDS-BLOCK NUMBER (NXX-X) POOLING ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES (TBPAG) dated May 20, 2005] and Appendix 3. These requirements are known as the six (6) months-to-exhaust (“MTE”) and utilization threshold.
8. Sprint has utilized mechanisms such as number pooling to manage its numbering resources in the most efficient manner. However, Sprint is required in this instance to petition the Commission for relief.
9. On May 25, 2001, BellSouth petitioned the Commission to develop an expedited process to review NANPA’s denial of a request for additional

numbering resources to minimize the delay carrier's experience in attempting to challenge a denial by NANPA. As a result of BellSouth's Petition and the Commission's efforts to make numbering resources available to carriers, the commission issued Order No. PSC-01-1973-PCO-TL setting forth an expedited code denial process. On March 15, 2002, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-02-0352-PAA-TL adopting the same expedited code denial process for pooling areas.

10. The Tallahassee Exchange consists of eight (8) central offices and nine (9) switching entities that utilize numbering resources: Calhoun St. (TLHSFLXADS0 and TLHSFLXADS1), Willis Road (TLHSFLXBDS0), Mabry (TLHSFLXCDS0), Blair Stone (TLHSFLXDDS0), FSU (TLHSFLXEDS0), Thomasville Rd. (TLHSFLXFDS0), Woodville (TLHSFLXGRLD) and Perkins Rd. (TLHSFLXHDS0).
11. On August 1, 2005 Sprint requested additional numbering resources from NeuStar for the Tallahassee exchange. See Attachment 1. Specifically, in order to meet the telephone number needs of one of its customers, Sprint requested 2,000 consecutive numbers in the Tallahassee (TLHSFLXADS1) wire center. The customer has requested 2,000 consecutive numbers. Sprint cannot currently meet this request given the inventory of numbers available at this time in this switch.
12. At the time of the code request, the Tallahassee exchange had a MTE of 606 and a utilization of 59%. On a switch basis, the Calhoun Street Switch (TLHSFLXADS1) has an MTE of 170 and utilization of 67%. There are no

blocks of un-assigned numbers large enough to meet the request of this customer in this switch.

13. On August 1st, NeuStar denied Sprint's request for additional numbering resources because Sprint had not met the utilization criteria, notwithstanding the fact that Sprint's Calhoun St. switch does not have available blocks of numbers in sufficient quantity to meet the customer's requirements. See Attachment 1.
14. Sprint's request for additional numbering resources to meet this customer's requirement in the Tallahassee Exchange would not materially impact exhaustion of available numbers in the 850 area code. (The 850 NPA is currently scheduled to exhaust 1Q2010.)
15. 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).
16. 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.

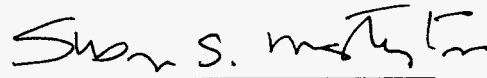
17. Sprint's inability to provide this customer with the requested NXX prevents Sprint from providing the quality of service this customer desires and expects.
18. This Commission has previously received similar requests from numerous carriers, both ILECs and CLECS in which the carriers have asked the PSC to overrule a decision of NANPA and NeuStar. The Commission has granted these requests.
19. Sprint requests that the Commission reverse NeuStar's decision to withhold numbering resources from Sprint on the following grounds:
 - (a.) NeuStar's denial of numbering resources to Sprint interferes with Sprint's ability to service its customers within the State of Florida.
 - (b.) As a result of NeuStar's denial of Sprint's request for additional numbering resources, Sprint will be unable to provide telecommunications services to its customers as required under Florida law.

WHEREFORE, Sprint requests:

1. The Commission review the decision of NeuStar to deny Sprint's request for additional numbering resources for the Tallahassee exchange, and

2. The Commission direct NeuStar to provide the requested numbering resources for the Tallahassee exchange as discussed above.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of August, 2005


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