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Re: Docket No. 090466-TL Petition for Expedited Review of Growth Code Denials by the North American Numbers Plan Administration for the Tallahassee Exchange

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Embarq Florida, Inc. (Embarq), are the original and seven copies of Embarq'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,

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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 Tallahassee Exchange

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Embarq Florida, Inc. (Embarq), 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 Embarq’s requests for additional numbering resources in the Tallahassee Exchange. In support of this petition, Embarq states:

**PARTIES**

1. Embarq 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 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 (TLHSFLXGRL0), and Perkins Rd. (TLHSFLXHDS0).

5. On September 3, 2009 Embarq Florida requested additional numbering resources from NeuStar for the Tallahassee exchange. (See Attachment 1 which was filed under Claim of Confidentiality with the Commission Clerk's office.) Specifically, Embarq is installing a new packet switch in Tallahassee from which new services will be offered to both new and existing customers. Because existing customers (both Embarq's and other carriers') may request services from the new switch, thus requiring porting of their existing telephone numbers, a new Location Routing Number (LRN) must be established for this new switch. The LRN is a ten (10) digit number used to uniquely identify a switch that has ported numbers. The LRN must be established before any numbers can be ported. Embarq cannot currently meet this request given the inventory of numbers available at this time in this exchange. Embarq has requested NeuStar to assign a full NXX to this new switch for LRN purposes. Embarq will retain only the 0xxx block and will return the other blocks to the number pool.

6. At the time of the code request, the Tallahassee exchange had a Months-to-Exhaust (MTE) of much longer than six (6) months and a utilization of 40%. There are no unassigned NXX's available in this exchange to meet this request.

7. On September 3, 2009, NeuStar denied Embarq's request for additional numbering resources because Embarq had not met the MTE and utilization criteria,

notwithstanding the fact that Embarq cannot meet the company's requirement for a new LRN for the new switch. (See Attachment 1 which was filed under Claim of Confidentiality with the Commission Clerk's office.)

8. Embarq's request for additional numbering resources to meet this requirement in the Tallahassee Exchange would not materially impact exhaustion of available numbers in the 850 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. Embarq's inability to meet this business need with the existing number inventory available in this exchange prevents Embarq from offering the new services from this new switch to existing customers without requiring those customers to take a number change.

12. 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.


13. Embarq requests that the Commission use its delegated authority to reverse NeuStar's decision to withhold numbering resources from Embarq and waive the Months-to-Exhaust and Utilization requirements so that Embarq may be assigned the NXX code necessary to create the new LRN in this rate center.

WHEREFORE, Embarq Florida, Inc. requests:

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

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

Respectfully submitted this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2009.

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# **ATTACHMENT 1**

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