

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**Qwest Corporation
 Fargo Rate Center
 Numbering Resources**

Case No. PU-13-757

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH

Jennifer Lein deposes and says that:

she is over the age of 18 years and not a party to this action and, on the 12th day of **September, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **two** envelopes with certified postage, return receipt requested, fully prepaid, securely sealed and containing a photocopy of:

Order

The envelopes were addressed as follows:

Dora Wirth
PA Code Administrator
Neustar, Inc
1800 Sutter St, Ste 780
Concord CA 94520

JoAnn Hanson
Qwest
200 South 5th Street, Room 2200
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Cert. No. 7013 0600 0001 7154 5154

Cert. No. 7013 0600 0001 7154 5161

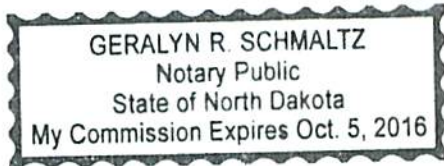
Jennifer Lein further deposes and says that on the 12th day of **September, 2013**, she deposited in the United States Mail, Bismarck, North Dakota, **one** envelope by regular mail, with a postage fully prepaid, securely sealed, containing a photocopy of the same.

Mr. Kent Blickensderfer
Qwest Corporation
PO Box 5508
Bismarck, ND 58502-5508

Each address shown is the respective addressee's last reasonably ascertainable post office address.

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 12th day of **September, 2013**.

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[Handwritten Signature]

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary Public

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On August 15, 2013 Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink (Qwest) submitted an application to NeuStar Pooling Administration System (NeuStar), the North Dakota number pooling administrator, for additional numbering resources consisting of a block of 1,000 numbers out of the Fargo, North Dakota rate center pool of numbers. Qwest requested the 1,000 numbers block to fulfill a specific customer request. The customer is requested a 1,000 number block in any NXX as long as the block does not start with zero (0), 1, 6, 7, or 8. On August 20, 2013, the customer indicated that they could only use the 701-715-9 block of 1,000 numbers.

NeuStar denied the request for additional numbering resources for the Fargo switch because the company did not meet the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) months-to-exhaust requirements. The FCC requires that applicants for additional numbering resources demonstrate that the rate center for which the numbers are requested has no more than a six-month inventory of numbers and is utilizing 75% or more of the numbers in inventory.

Under FCC rules, state commissions may grant a waiver of the FCC rules and grant requests for additional numbering resources when there is a demonstrated verifiable need.

The Commission has authority under North Dakota Century Code section 49-21-01.7 (14) to resolve numbering resource conservation issues.

The Commission must take into consideration the extent to which the carrier has used available numbering resource optimization strategies and the carrier's showing that deviation from the FCC's inventory and utilization requirements is warranted. The carrier must demonstrate the following: 1) that the carrier will exhaust its numbering resources in a market or rate area within three months (in lieu of the 6 months-to-exhaust requirement; and 2) that projected growth is based on the carrier's actual growth in the market of rate area, or on the carrier's actual growth in a reasonably comparable market, but only if that projected growth varies no more than 15 percent from historical growth in the relevant market; or 3) that there is a verifiable need due to the specific customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that the carrier is unable to satisfy with its current inventory. Regarding a specific customer

request, the carrier must provide the Commission with documentation of the customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center.

In support of the application, Qwest provided a copy of the customer's request.

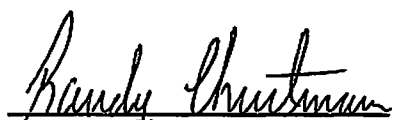
Qwest states that the 701-715-9 block of 1,000 numbers is not currently assigned to Qwest but is available for assignment in the Fargo, North Dakota rate center pool of numbers.

Based on the specific need demonstrated, the Commission finds it appropriate to grant Qwest's request.

ORDER

1. Qwest Corporation's request for a waiver of the Months to Exhaust/Utilization Threshold requirement to obtain a block of one thousand numbers from the number pool at the Fargo, North Dakota rate center, specifically the 701-715-9 block of 1,000 numbers, is granted.

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