



Patrick Flahn, Director of Public Utilities Division  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
600 E. Boulevard Ave., #408  
Bismarck, ND 58505

Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Dear Director Flahn:

Per your request, I am writing to provide a description of the City of West Fargo's need for a new block of 1,000 phone numbers. If this request is approved, we will be able to provide a 600 block of phone numbers back to the number pool.

The last time the City of West Fargo made a request for a block of phone numbers was March 2006, when the population of West Fargo was an estimated 22,464. We believe the results of the 2020 census will reflect a population of more than 40,000 residents in West Fargo and some models predict our population to reach 42,000 by 2040. This population increase over the past two decades has far exceeded that of the region, and is one of the reasons we are referred to as "the city on the grow."

This population explosion has led to an increase in staff, new divisions and services, and an evaluation of the use of phone numbers to provide our residents with a quick, easy way to get connected to the correct representative. Because of the continued exponential population growth and desire to maintain quality customer service for our residents, we are requesting a block of 1,000 numbers to help cover our current and future needs.

I am available via email or phone for any follow up questions.

Sincerely,

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City of West Fargo

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Request for waiver of months to exhaust utilization threshold requirement for Fargo rate center  
City of West Fargo  
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