

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of MCImetro Access)	
Transmission Services LLC, d/b/a Verizon Access)	
Transmission Services for Review and Reversal of)	<u>File No. LO-2014-0102</u>
North American Number Plan Thousands-Block)	
Pooling Administrator's Decision to Withhold)	
Numbering Resources)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and
for its Recommendation in this matter states as follows:

1. On October 21, 2013, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon Access), filed an application under 47 C.F.R. 52.15(g)(3)(iv) requesting that the Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, NeuStar, Inc., to withhold certain numbering resources from Verizon Access in the Joplin, Missouri rate center. To accommodate its needs, Mercy is in need of a contiguous range of 10,000 direct inward dialing numbers to implement its desired dialing plan in its new facility. Specifically, the requested resources consist of ten consecutive thousands-blocks within (1) the 417 NPA, and (2) the Joplin rate center.

2. Verizon Access states that it does not have the numbers available for assignment in the Farmington rate center to meet the needs of the Mercy-Joplin Hospital. NANPA denied Verizon Access's request for the additional telephone numbers based on Verizon Access's inability to meet the guidelines pertaining to current telephone number utilization. In other words, Verizon Access may very well have the available telephone

numbers to assign to the Mercy-Joplin Hospital; however, said numbers are not in sequential order.

3. Verizon Access provided the Staff with its telephone number utilization for the Joplin rate center. The Staff has examined Verizon Access's request and supporting documentation. In the Staff's opinion, Verizon Access has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional telephone numbers. The Staff recommends the Commission approve Verizon Access's request and order a reversal of the NANPA decision to deny the additional numbers for the Mercy-Joplin Hospital.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that:

(1) Determines Verizon Access has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies; and

(2) Overturns the decision of the Pooling Administrator and grant Verizon Access's request for telephone numbers in the Joplin rate center, and

(3) Contains the following language:

Verizon Access's request for ten consecutive thousands-blocks within (1) the 417 NPA, and (2) the Joplin rate center is granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of October, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Allan" followed by a stylized flourish.

MEMORANDUM

To: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. LO-2014-0102

From: Kari Salsman
Telecommunications Department
John VanEschen
Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis

Subject: Staff's Recommendation to Approve MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services Request for Additional Numbering Resources to accommodate the needs of Mercy-Joplin Hospital in the Joplin rate center.

Date: October 25th, 2013

On October 21st, MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (Verizon Access) filed a request for the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) to reverse a decision by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) to withhold and deny the request of Verizon Access for additional telephone numbering resources in the Joplin, Missouri telephone rate center (Application). According to Verizon Access, Mercy-Joplin Hospital (Mercy) is rebuilding their facility after having been destroyed by a Category 5 tornado in 2011. To accommodate its needs, Mercy is in need of a contiguous range of 10,000 direct inward dialing numbers to implement its desired dialing plan in its new facility. Specifically, the requested resources consist of ten consecutive thousands-blocks within (1) the 417 NPA, and (2) the Joplin rate center.

According to its Application, Verizon Access states that it does not have the numbers available for assignment in the Joplin rate center to meet the needs of Mercy. Verizon Access requests the Commission to override the NANPA's denial of Verizon Access's request for the additional telephone numbers, which denial was based on Verizon Access's inability to meet the guidelines pertaining to current telephone number utilization. In other words, Verizon Access may very well have the available telephone numbers to assign Mercy; however, said numbers are not in sequential order.

In support of its Application, Verizon Access provided copies of its request to the NANPA and subsequent denial by the NANPA. Additionally, Verizon Access provided Staff highly confidential copies of its telephone number utilization for the Joplin rate center. The Staff has examined the request of Verizon Access and supporting documentation.

The Staff has examined Verizon Access's request and in the Staff's opinion, Verizon Access has demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional telephone numbers. The Staff recommends the Commission approve Verizon Access's request and order a reversal of the NANPA decision to deny the additional numbers for Mercy.

Specifically, the Staff recommends the Commission's order include a statement substantially as follows:

Verizon Access's request for ten consecutive thousands-blocks within the 417 NPA, in the Joplin, Missouri rate center is granted.

The Staff is unaware of any other matter that affects, or that would be affected by, this matter. Lastly, the Staff has examined Verizon Access's annual filings with the Commission and Staff notes the Company is not delinquent in any submittals.

Under penalty of perjury, I affirm that the above statement is true and correct.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kari Salsman".

KARI SALSMAN