

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 13th day of
December, 2005.

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern)	
Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri for Review)	
and Reversal of the North American Number Plan)	<u>Case No. TO-2006-0231</u>
Administrator's Decision to Withhold Numbering)	
Resources)	

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES

Issue Date: December 13, 2005

Effective Date: December 23, 2005

Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, has asked the Commission to reverse the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator (NANPA) to deny SBC Missouri's request for additional numbering resources. SBC Missouri seeks the additional resources so that it can provide three consecutive blocks of 1,000 numbers to serve the needs of the Park Hill School District.

In its application, SBC Missouri explains that Park Hill is converting its 15 aged PBX phone systems, connected with analog plain old telephone lines, into a single, integrated phone system that will serve the entire school district. Park Hill has requested 3,000 Direct Inward Dial contiguous numbers starting with 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8. SBC Missouri does not currently have a suitable block of numbers available in its Kansas City rate center.

On October 21, 2005, SBC Missouri submitted an application to NeuStar, Inc., the Pooling Administrator for NANPA, for the additional numbers it requires. After submitting its request through the required electronic process, SBC Missouri received a reply indicating

that it did not meet the required guidelines and that its request for additional numbers would not be granted, absent a state waiver. On November 29, SBC Missouri filed its application asking the Commission to reverse NANPA's decision. SBC Missouri requested that the Commission approve its application as soon as possible because it needs to make the numbers available to Park Hill by January 1, 2006.

On November 30, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Establishing Time for Filing Requests to Intervene, and Establishing Time for Filing Recommendations. The intervention deadline was set for December 7. No requests to intervene were received. The Commission required its Staff to file a recommendation no later than December 9, and permitted any other interested party to file a recommendation by the same date.

Staff filed its recommendation on December 9. The Office of the Public Counsel, the only other party, has not taken a position regarding SBC Missouri's application.

Staff's recommendation indicates that that SBC Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for three consecutive blocks of 1,000 numbers. Staff recommends that the Commission grant SBC Missouri's request, reverse the decision of NANPA, and direct NANPA to issue SBC Missouri three consecutive blocks of 1,000 telephone numbers – starting with 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 – in the Kansas City rate center.

NANPA is required to accept or reject an application for resources based solely on narrow criteria established by the Federal Communication Commission. However, the FCC has given state commissions the authority to overturn NANPA's decisions when it is appropriate to do so.

The FCC's rule, 47 C.F.R. Section 52.15(g)(4), provides, in pertinent part:

The state commission also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination that the carrier has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies.

Based on the application and the recommendations of its Staff, the Commission finds that SBC Missouri has demonstrated a "verifiable need" for the numbering resources in question and that it has "exhausted all other available remedies." The record shows that unless its request is granted, SBC Missouri will not be able to meet the needs of its customer. For that reason, the Commission will overturn NANPA's determination.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application filed by Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri, requesting review and reversal of the North American Number Plan Administrator's decision denying numbering resources is granted.
2. That the decision of the North American Number Plan Administrator to deny Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri's request for three consecutive blocks of 1,000 phone numbers – starting with 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 – in the Kansas City rate center is overturned.
3. That the North American Number Plan Administrator shall assign Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P., d/b/a SBC Missouri three consecutive blocks of 1,000 phone numbers – starting with 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 – in the Kansas City rate center.

4. That this order shall become effective on December 23, 2005.
5. That this case may be closed on December 24, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law Judge