

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 3rd day of
August, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of Embarras
Missouri, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, for Review
and Reversal of North American Number Plan
Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator's
Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources)
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File No. TO-2017-0017

**ORDER OVERTURNING NORTH AMERICAN
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: August 3, 2016

Effective Date: August 3, 2016

On July 15, 2016, Embarras Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink filed an Application and Motion for Expedited Treatment requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., of CenturyLink's application to obtain one 1000-block of Direct Inward Dial telephone numbers beginning with 417-654-7000 or similar within the Lebanon, Missouri rate center. The additional numbers are needed in order to meet the needs of Lebanon R-III School District.

On July 29, 2016, the Staff of the Commission filed its Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed.

Staff explained that CenturyLink may have available telephone numbers to assign, but it does not have numbers that meet the required criteria. Staff believes CenturyLink has demonstrated a verifiable need for one thousands-block beginning with 417-654-7000

or similar within the Lebanon, Missouri rate center. Staff recommended the Commission grant CenturyLink's request.

The Commission has the authority to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4), which states in 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 CenturyLink's application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that CenturyLink has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission will overturn NANPA's decision and approve CenturyLink's request for one thousands-block as listed above.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink is overturned.
2. Embarq Missouri, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink's request to receive one thousands-block beginning with 417-654-7000 or similar within the Lebanon, Missouri rate center, is granted.
3. This order shall become effective on August 3, 2016.

4. This file may be closed on August 4, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
Rupp and Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

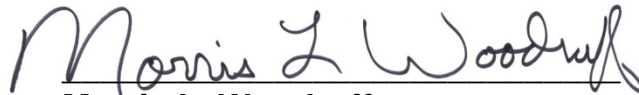
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 3rd day of August 2016.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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