

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 7th day of  
October, 2008.

In the Matter of the Application of Southwestern	)	
Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Missouri for	)	
Review and Reversal of North American Number	)	<b><u>Case No. TO-2009-0014</u></b>
Plan Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator's	)	
Decision to Withhold Numbering Resources	)	

**ORDER GRANTING AT&T MISSOURI'S REQUEST  
TO OVERTURN THE NORTH AMERICAN  
NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATOR'S DECISION**

Issue Date: October 7, 2008

Effective Date: October 17, 2008

On July 2, 2008, Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri filed an Application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission review and reverse a decision of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), NeuStar, Inc., denying AT&T Missouri's application to obtain four one-thousand blocks within: (1) the 636 NPA, (2) the Fenton (FNTNMO54DS0) rate center, and (3) comprised of the XXXX ranges of 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, and 5XXX. AT&T Missouri requested the four one-thousand blocks to be compatible with St. Clare Health Center's telecommunications service requirements, specifically to accommodate and coordinate the Direct Inward Dial numbers to match the specific four digit patient room numbers of which at least five hundred numbers from each thousands-block would correspond.

On August 18, 2008, the Staff of the Commission filed its initial Staff Recommendation. No other applications to intervene, requests for hearing, or recommendations have been filed. Staff stated in its initial Recommendation that AT&T is able to meet the needs of the customer by using two blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers rather than four blocks, as requested. Staff recommended the Commission grant AT&T Missouri two blocks of one-thousand Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) telephone numbers and deny two blocks of one-thousand MCA telephone numbers in the Fenton rate center.

On August 22, 2008, AT&T Missouri filed its response to Staff's initial recommendation. On September 9, 2008, AT&T's customer, SSM Healthcare (SSM) submitted a letter to the Commission for their consideration. Since September 9, 2008, Staff, AT&T and SSM have been discussing the numbering request, and Staff has gathered additional information.

On September 25, 2008, Staff filed an amended Staff Recommendation. Staff recommended the Commission grant in part, and deny in part, AT&T Missouri's request for four blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers in the 636 NPA, Fenton rate center, and within the ranges of 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, and 5XXX. Staff further recommended the Commission grant AT&T's request for three blocks of 1,000 MCA telephone numbers in the Fenton rate center and deny AT&T's request for one additional block of 1,000 numbers.

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.”

The Commission has reviewed the Application, Staff’s Recommendation, and AT&T Missouri’s response, and based upon its review, the Commission concludes that AT&T Missouri has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission notes that the requested numbers are in the 636 Area Code, which is not projected to exhaust until almost twenty years from now. Although numbering resources are limited and should not be casually dispensed, in light of the lack of dire need for conservation of numbers, as with some other area codes in Missouri and in light of SSM’s continued assertion that it does need and will fully utilize all four blocks of numbers, the Commission is convinced that the granting of the requested numbers is appropriate in this particular case. The Commission overturns NANPA’s decision and grants AT&T Missouri four blocks of one-thousand MCA telephone numbers.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator’s decision to withhold numbering resources from Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a AT&T Missouri is overturned.
2. AT&T Missouri’s request to receive four blocks of one-thousand telephone numbers within: (1) the 636 NPA, (2) the Fenton (FNTNMO54DS0) rate center, and (3) comprised of the XXXX ranges of 2XXX, 3XXX, 4XXX, and 5XXX, is granted.
3. The Commission grants AT&T Missouri four blocks of one-thousand MCA telephone numbers in the Fenton rate center.

4. This order shall become effective on October 17, 2008.
5. This case may be closed on October 18, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton, and  
Jarrett, CC., concur.  
Gunn, C., abstains.

Dale, Chief Regulatory Law Judge