

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 19th day of March,
2015.

In the Matter of the Application of CenturyTel of)
Missouri, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink, for Review and)
Reversal of North American Number Plan)
Thousands-Block Pooling Administrator's Decision)
To Withhold Numbering Resources)

File No. TO-2015-0217

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

Issue Date: March 19, 2015

Effective Date: March 19, 2015

On March 6, 2015, CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, 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 a block of 3,000 consecutive numbers beginning with the NPA-NXX-3000 or a similar number. The additional numbers are needed in order to meet the needs of the Columbia Public Schools, in Columbia, Missouri.

On March 13, 2015, 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 does not have the numbers available for assignment that meet the required criteria. Staff believes CenturyLink has demonstrated a verifiable need for three consecutive 1000-blocks of Direct Inward Dial telephone numbers that are from (573)607-3000 to (573)607-5999 in the Columbia, Missouri rate center. Staff recommended the Commission grant CenturyLink's request.

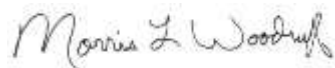
The Commission has the authority to overturn NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from a carrier pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §52.15(g)(4), which states in part, "The state commission also may overturn the NANPA's decision to withhold numbering resources from the carrier based on its determination 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 three consecutive 1000-blocks of numbers as listed above.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink, is overturned.
2. CenturyTel of Missouri, LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink's request to receive three consecutive 1000-blocks of Direct Inward Dial telephone numbers that are from (573)607-3000 to (573)607-5999 in the Columbia, Missouri rate center, is granted.
3. This order shall become effective on March 19, 2015.
4. This file may be closed on March 20, 2015.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge