



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY CONTROL
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DOCKET NO. 96-11-10RE04 DPUC REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT OF TELEPHONE
NUMBER RESOURCES IN CONNECTICUT - CO
CODES

March 28, 2001

By the following Commissioners:

Jack R. Goldberg
John W. Betkoski, III
Linda Kelly Arnold

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I. INTRODUCTION

A. SUMMARY

In the Decision dated September 22, 1999 in the instant docket, the Department of Public Utility Control (Department) adopted an area code relief plan such that new area codes 475 and 959 would overlay the geographic areas of codes 203 and 860 in Connecticut within six months of area code exhaust. The Department also required that the implementation of the overlays in the 203 and 860 area codes comply with existing Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules including the requirement that at least one Central Office (CO) code (set aside code) in the existing Numbering Plan Area (NPA) be assigned to each new entrant that had no CO codes in the original NPA during the 90-day period preceding the introduction of the overlay. September 22, 1999 Decision, p. 46. The instant Decision orders the set aside codes to be released to the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) for assignment to the 203 and 860 area codes.

B. BACKGROUND OF THE PROCEEDING

On October 21, 1999, the FCC released an order in which it eliminated the one CO code per new entrant requirement.¹ In light of the FCC's Order, the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar) requested that the Department revise its September 22, 1999 Decision by deleting its requirement that CO codes be set aside for new entrants.

C. CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDING

The Department reopened the instant docket for the limited purpose of investigating NeuStar's petition on March 22, 2000. The Department issued a Notice of Request for Written Comments (Notice) on May 26, 2000, concerning NeuStar's request for revision. On June 12, 2000, Nextel Communications, Inc. filed a brief in support of NeuStar's request. On June 14, 2000, the Southern New England Telephone Company (SNET) also filed a response to the Notice in support of the petition from NeuStar.

D. PARTIES AND INTERVENORS

The following were designated as parties to this proceeding: Office of Consumer Counsel, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain Connecticut, 06051; the Southern New

¹ In the Matter of Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, Interconnection Between Local Exchange Carriers and Commercial Mobile Radio Service Providers, Area Code Relief Plan for Dallas and Houston, Ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Administration of the North American Numbering Plan, Proposed 708 Relief Plan and 630 Numbering Plan Area Code by Ameritech-Illinois, Petition for Declaratory Ruling Regarding Area Code Relief Plan for Area Codes 508 and 617, filed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, New York Department of Public Service Petition for Expedited Waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 52.19(c)(3)(ii); Third Order on Reconsideration of Second Report and Order and Memorandum Opinion and Order, (Third Report and Order) FCC 99-243 at ¶¶27 and 103, (October 21, 1999).

England Telephone Company, 310 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06510; AT&T, 32 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10013; AT&T Wireless Services, 15 East Midland Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07662; Verizon New York, Inc., 1095 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036; Woodbury Telephone Company, 299 Main Street, South Woodbury, Connecticut 06798-0479; MCI Worldcom, Inc., 200 Park Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, New York, 10166; Paging Network, Inc., 1200 19th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036; Sprint PCS, 246 Walnut Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02160; Cox Connecticut Telcom, LLC, 9 J.P. Murphy Highway, West Warwick, Rhode Island 02893-2381; Lockheed Martin IMS, 1800 Sutter Street, Suite 570, Concord, California 94520; Sprint Spectrum L.P., 4900 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64112; New England Cable Television Association, 100 Grandview Road, Suite 201, Braintree Massachusetts 02184; Omnipoint Communications, Inc. 16 Wing Drive, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey 07927 and Nextel Communications, Inc., c/o The Rothfelder Law Offices, 625 Central Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Verizon Wireless; Brooks Fiber; Springwich Cellular, L.P.; and Litchfield Cellular were designated intervenors to this proceeding.

II. DEPARTMENT ANALYSIS

On February 29, 2000, NeuStar, Inc., acting on behalf of the industry, filed a petition with the Department requesting a modification for the September 22, 1999 Decision in the instant proceeding.² Specifically, Neustar requested the Department alter its requirement that at least one CO code be set aside in 203 and 860 NPAs for each eligible telecommunications service provider during the 90 day period preceding the introduction of a new area code overlay. This policy was consistent with the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") rules.

On October 21, 1999, the FCC waived the requirement to hold CO codes in the existing NPAs for release to new entrants.³ Accordingly, in light of the FCC ruling, the support of the industry to Neustar's request, and in the interests of number conservation, the Department hereby modifies its September 22, 1999 Decision to be consistent with the Third Report and Order.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On October 21, 1999, the FCC released an order in which it eliminated the one CO code per new entrant requirement.
2. NANPA and the telecommunications industry support the release of the set aside code requirement.

² In compliance with that requirement, the industry set aside 10 central office codes in area codes 203 and 860 for this purpose.

³ Third Report and Order, at ¶103.

IV. CONCLUSION AND ORDER**A. CONCLUSION**

Neustar's request that the Department remove its requirement that CO codes for new entrants be retained is consistent with the FCC Third Report and Order, and supports number conservation efforts in the 203 and 860 NPAs. The Department hereby grants NeuStar's request.

B. ORDER

For the following Orders, submit an original and 12 copies of the requested material, identified by Docket Number, Title and Order Number to the Executive Secretary.

1. No later than April 20, 2001, NeuStar shall provide the Department with proof that it has released the set aside codes in the 203 and 860 NPAs.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Decision issued by the Department of Public Utility Control, State of Connecticut, and was forwarded by Certified Mail to all parties of record in this proceeding on the date indicated.

Louise E. Rickard
Acting Executive Secretary
Department of Public Utility Control

Date