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PETITION OF SOUTHWESTERN
BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A
AT&T TEXAS FOR WAIVER OF
DENIAL OF NUMBERING
RESOURCES IN THE DENTON RATE
CENTER

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## ORDER NO. 2 NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF DENIAL OF NUMBERING RESOURCES

On March 25, 2016, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas (AT&T Texas) requested that the Public Utility Commission of Texas overturn the Pooling Administrator's (PA) denial of its request for one (1) thousand-block of numbers on behalf of its customer, Texas Women's University in the 940 NPA, in the Denton rate center. AT&T Texas has demonstrated that it cannot meet the customer's request using its existing inventory in the Denton rate center. The PA denied AT&T Texas' application because it did not meet the monthsto-exhaust and utilization criteria in 47 C.F.R. § 52.15.

Section 52.15 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) rules provide that "[t]he state commission . . . 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." Ordinarily, the FCC's rules require that a carrier maintain no more than a six-month inventory of numbers in a rate center<sup>2</sup> and utilize at least 75% of its inventory before seeking growth numbering resources.<sup>3</sup>

On April 8, 2016, Commission Staff filed comments. Commission Staff recommended approval of AT&T Texas' request for a waiver of the PA's denial for numbering resources in the Denton rate center. Commission Staff notes that in the event the customer's request is withdrawn or declined, AT&T Texas must return the numbering resources to the PA and may not retain the



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(B)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(h).

numbers to serve other customers without first satisfying the FCC's growth numbering resource requirements.

Based upon Commission Staff's recommendation, AT&T Texas' request for one (1) thousand-block of numbers on behalf of its customer, the Texas Women's University in the Denton rate center is approved.

AT&T Texas shall submit a new Part 1A to the PA to apply for the relief granted herein.

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the day of April 2016

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS** 

STEPHANIE FRAZZELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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