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

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NOTICE OF APPROVAL

This Order addresses the application of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas (AT&T Texas) to overturn the Pooling Administrator's (PA) denial of its request for two (2) thousand-blocks of numbers in the 214/469/972 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) in the Irving rate center. The PA denied the applicant's request because it did not meet the months-to-exhaust and utilization criteria established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

On June 23, 2016, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas (AT&T Texas) requested that the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) overturn the Pooling Administrator's (PA) denial of its request for two (2) thousands-blocks of numbers on behalf of its customer, Baylor Scott & White Health in the 214/469/972 NPA, in the Irving rate center. AT&T Texas has demonstrated that it cannot meet the customer's request using its existing inventory in the Irving rate center. The PA denied AT&T Texas' application because it did not meet the months-to-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."¹ Ordinarily, the FCC's rules require that a carrier maintain no more than a six-month inventory of numbers in a rate center² and utilize at least 75% of its inventory before seeking growth numbering resources.³

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

² 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3)(B)(iii).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(h).


On June 29, 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 Irving rate center. Staff notes that in the event the customer's request is withdrawn or declined, AT&T Texas must return the numbering resources to the PA and may not retain the numbers to serve other customers without first satisfying the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 two (2) thousands-blocks of numbers on behalf of its customer, Baylor Scott & White Health in the Irving 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 7th day of July 2016

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS


STEPHANIE FRAZZELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE