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PETITION OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL §
TELEPHONE COMPANY DBA AT&T §
TEXAS FOR WAIVER OF DENIAL OF §
NUMBERING RESOURCES IN THE §
HOUSTON RATE CENTER §

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**ORDER NO. 1
REQUESTING COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATION**

On July 15, 2019, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company dba AT&T Texas filed a petition requesting that the Commission overturn the Pooling Administrator’s denial of its request for a one thousands-block of sequential numbers on behalf of its customer, Love’s Travel Stops and Country Stores in the 346 Numbering Plan Area (NPA) in the Houston rate center. Love’s is requesting one thousand consecutive numbers for expansion of their IP-Flex service at its Houston location.

AT&T indicated that it cannot provide this service from its existing inventory, and requests that the Commission direct the Pooling Administrator to assign AT&T new codes in the 346 NPA. The Pooling Administrator denied AT&T’s request because it did not meet the months-to-exhaust and utilization criteria established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

The FCC’s rules provide that a carrier may challenge a decision to withhold numbering resources to the appropriate state regulatory commission.¹ Furthermore, in the FCC’s *NRO Order*, the FCC created a “safety valve” to allow carriers to obtain additional numbering resources under certain conditions when the Pooling Administrator denies a request for numbering resources.²

By July 31, 2019, Commission Staff must and interested parties may file a response or comments on the petition and provide a schedule for processing if needed.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

² *Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, FCC 01-362, at para. 64 (rel. Dec. 28, 2000) (*NRO Order*).

Signed at Austin, Texas the 17th day of July 2019.

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CHRISTOPHER OAKLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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