

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 10th day of
August, 2016.

In the Matter of the Application of Windstream)
Missouri, LLC for Review and Reversal of the) **File No.TO-2017-0029**
Decision of Neustar, Inc. as the Pooling)
Administrator to Withhold Numbering Resources)

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

Issue Date: August 10, 2016

Effective Date: August 10, 2016

On July 27, 2016, Windstream Missouri, LLC, 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 Windstream's application to obtain an LRN and NXX, one thousand number-block from the new NXX code, in the Albany, Missouri rate center. The additional numbers are needed in order to meet the needs of a Connect America Fund Phase 2 project.

On August 5, 2016, 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 Windstream does not have any NXX codes that could be moved to establish an LRN, nor does it have a clean one thousand number blocks that could be intra-service provider ported to the new switch. Staff believes Windstream has

demonstrated a verifiable need for the additional telephone numbers for the Broadband Stimulus project. Staff recommended the Commission grant Windstream'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."

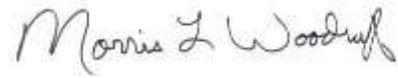
Based on Windstream's application and the Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that Windstream has demonstrated a verifiable need for numbering resources and has exhausted all other available remedies. The Commission will overturn NANPA's decision and approve Windstream's request for the additional numbers as listed above.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Windstream Missouri LLC's Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.
2. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator's decision to withhold numbering resources from Windstream Missouri, LLC, is overturned.
3. Windstream Missouri, LLC's request to receive an LRN and NXX, in the Albany, Missouri rate center, is granted.
4. If a new code is required to be opened for this occasion, Windstream Missouri, LLC shall utilize one block of one thousand numbers from the code and return the remaining nine blocks to the Pooling Administrator.
5. This order shall become effective on August 10, 2016.

6. This file may be closed on August 11, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney,
and Rupp, CC., concur.
Coleman, C., absent.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge