

**NORTH CAROLINA
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY
RALEIGH, NC**

DOCKET NO. TMC-9, SUB 4

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY
("The Authority")**

In the Matter of Tariff Filings Made by)	ORDER ALLOWING
Petition of Yadkin Valley Telephone Membership)	NUMBERING
Corporation ("Yadtel") for Review of Neustar's)	RESOURCES
Denial of Application for Numbering Resources)	

BY THE AUTHORITY: On April 24, 2019 Yadtel submitted a request to Neustar, acting as the Number Pooling Administrator ("NPA"), for the assignment of a single block of one thousand numbers to address the needs of one of its customers. Neustar denied that request on or about April 24, 2019, on the grounds that Yadtel had not met the required thresholds for months-to-exhaust and number utilization. On June 11, 2019, Yadtel filed a petition with the Authority for review of Neustar's denial of the request. The Authority, who serves as the state commission for Yadtel, approves their petition for numbering resources as stated below.

On March 31, 2000, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued a Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making relating to numbering resource optimization and implemented uniform standards governing requests for telephone numbering resources.¹ This Order also outlined procedures for utilization threshold and the number of months-to-exhaust for the process. In accordance with the Order, Yadtel submitted a request to Neustar for the assignment of a single block of one thousand numbers in the East Bend rate center to address the needs of one of its business customers. The FCC rules require that a service provider must be within six months of exhaustion of its numbering resources and have achieved a 75 percent utilization of its numbering resources in the rate center before Neustar may grant additional number resources as outlined in FCC 01-362, 117 FCC Rcd 252 (2001). Such authority is meant to provide "flexibility to direct the North American Number Pooling Administrator ("NANPA") or Pooling Administrator ("PA") to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources outside of [certain] specifically enumerated instances", as stated in 17 FCC Rcd 252 at P. 280, due to the carrier's inability to satisfy a specific customer request.

¹ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (rel. March 31, 2000).

The Order stated the appropriate state commission may grant relief if a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory. The carrier is required to provide the state commission with documentation of the customer request and current proof of utilization in the rate center which Yadtel has done. The FCC stated that states may not accommodate requests for specific numbers but may grant requests for customers seeking contiguous blocks of numbers. Should the customer request be withdrawn or declined, the requesting carrier must return the numbering resources to NANPA or the PA and may not retain the numbering resources to serve other customers without first meeting the FCC growth numbering resource requirements.

On June 11, 2019, Yadtel filed a petition with the Authority for review of Neustar's denial of the request outlined herein pursuant to this exception. Yadtel stated in its petition that in order to meet its customer's request for numbers, Yadtel requires a single block of one thousand numbers in the East Bend rate center. Yadtel noted that its customer needs the numbers due to an expansion of its business operation.

After careful consideration, the Authority concludes that Neustar should provide Yadtel the numbering resources required to meet the needs of its customer.

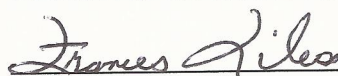
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1. That Neustar shall provide Yadtel the specific numbering resources identified in its April 24, 2019 request so that it may meet the service requirements of its customer.
2. That the numbering resources assigned by Yadtel to its customer shall be done in a sequential manner in order to optimize the use of these resources.
3. That these numbering resources shall be subject to reclamation if not used within the allowable reservation period according to industry guidelines.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE AUTHORITY.

This the 18th day of June, 2019.

THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL
ELECTRIFICATION AUTHORITY



Frances Liles, Administrator