

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY SPRINT)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY L.P. FOR A)	
WAIVER TO OBTAIN A NEW LRN BLOCK IN)	TC06-200
THE LAKE PRESTON RATE CENTER)	

On December 18, 2006, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Sprint Nextel. On December 21, 2006, the Commission received an amended filing from Sprint Communications Company L.P. (Sprint). Sprint requested a waiver in order to obtain a new Local Routing Number (LRN) Block in the Lake Preston rate center even though Sprint currently has a LRN in service in LATA (Vermillion). According to Sprint, "This LRN is needed so we may port our customers to the new LRN and then descope the old LRN when all numbers have been switched. The current LRN will then be disconnected as soon as the last number is ported to the new LRN and the Industry allows us to do it. Sprint will also be donating the NPA_NXX block back to the Industry as soon as all ports are complete."

Pursuant to an order issued by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), state commissions were delegated the authority to hear claims that a "safety valve" should be applied when the NANPA or Pooling Administrator denies a request for numbers. *Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200*, FCC 01-362, para. 61 (rel. December 28, 2001). A 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 current inventory." *Id.* at para. 64. A state commission may grant requests for customers seeking contiguous blocks of numbers. *Id.*

On December 21, 2006, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 29, 2006. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31 and 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4).

At its regularly scheduled meeting of January 2, 2007, the Commission considered this matter. After further discussing the request and the FCC requirements with Sprint and Commission Staff, the Commission voted to grant the waiver with the condition that the Vermillion LRN be returned to NeuStar once customers have been transferred over. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the requested waiver is hereby granted, subject to the condition set forth above.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of January, 2007.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Nelaine Kolbe*

Date: 1/25/07

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner