

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY QWEST)
CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK FOR)
APPROVAL OF WAIVER OF THE UTILIZATION)
THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS IN SIOUX)
FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA)
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**ORDER GRANTING WAIVER
TC12-123**

On August 7, 2012, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink (CenturyLink) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a waiver of the utilization threshold requirements outlined in FCC's Number Resource Optimization Orders, FCC 00-429 and FCC 01-362 released in CC Docket No. 99-200, which would allow PA/NeuStar, the Number Pooling Administrator, to open a new NXX Code to provide 1,000 numbers to CenturyLink in the 605 NPA, Sioux Falls Rate Center.

Pursuant to an order issued by the Federal Communication 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 "direct the NANPA or Pooling Administrator to assign additional numbering resources to carriers that have demonstrated a verifiable need for additional numbering resources...." *Id.* at para. 61.

On August 9, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 24, 2012. No petitions to intervene 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 August 28, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the waiver of utilization threshold requirement in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota rate center with the condition that CenturyLink return nine of the ten blocks to the number pool. It is therefore

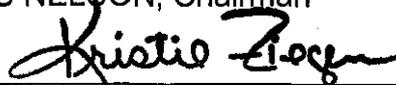
ORDERED, that the waiver of utilization threshold requirement in the Sioux Falls, South Dakota rate center is granted, with the condition that CenturyLink return nine of the ten blocks to the number pool. It is therefore

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 7th day of September, 2012.

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, electronically.	
By:	
Date:	<u>Sept. 7, 2012</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner