

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: February 18, 2015

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SUBJECT: DT 14-345, Comcast Request for Waiver of Neustar Denial of Numbering Resources

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director
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Executive Summary:

On December 2nd, 2014, Comcast Phone of New Hampshire (Comcast) asked the Commission to overturn Neustar's denial of multiple blocks of telephone numbers needed to meet the specific requirements of a single large customer. Staff recommended that action on the request be deferred for approximately two months, based on the prospect of freeing up blocks so as to meet the request with minimal exhaustion of the 603 area code. Those blocks have now been freed up, and Staff recommends granting Comcast's request.

Background:

On December 2nd, 2014, Comcast submitted a petition seeking a waiver of Neustar's decision to deny Comcast's request for multiple blocks of telephone numbers in a particular rate center. Comcast asserted that it is unable to meet the needs of its customer without obtaining the requested blocks.

In its memorandum of December 23rd, 2014, Staff described concerns regarding telephone number exhaustion and directives of state law. Staff reported that it hoped to obtain blocks of previously-issued numbers sufficient to meet Comcast's request in approximately 65 days, and recommended that the Commission defer action on the petition until that time.

The previously-issued blocks in question have now been made available, and Comcast's request may be honored with minimal impact on area code exhaustion. Staff recommends that the Commission now grant a waiver of Neustar's denial of the number request.

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