

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE****Inter-Department Communication**

**DATE:** February 27, 2019  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:**  Kath Mullholand, Director – Regulatory Innovation and Strategy Division

**SUBJECT:** Docket DT 19-032 Teleport Communications of America LLC Waiver  
Request to Obtain Growth Numbering Resources in Derry, NH  
**Staff Recommendation**

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

**CC:** David K. Wiesner, Director, Legal Division

On February 5, 2019, Teleport Communications of America LLC (TCAL) filed a safety valve request to overturn the denial by Somos<sup>1</sup> of its request for two blocks of numbers in the Derry rate center. TCAL states that it has a customer, a leading national provider of health care services, that will activate those numbers into its existing network configuration as soon as the numbers are made available. TCAL supported its assertion with a letter of intent from the customer.

The Derry exchange has approximately 27 NXX codes assigned to it currently. Staff contacted carriers holding numbers in the exchange and received responses from all of them that they were holding no uncontaminated blocks. In the meantime, Verizon Wireless applied for and was granted permission to open a new code in the Derry exchange to replenish its pool of numbers. Somos granted the request; the new code is currently scheduled to be opened May 3, and would be placed into service within six months of that date. This schedule is not sufficient to meet TCAL's needs for its existing customer.

Staff recommends that the Commission notify Somos to delay Verizon Wireless's request, and to instead assign the new code to TCAL, who will utilize two blocks, and use the remaining eight blocks to replenish the pool. Once the pool is replenished, Verizon Wireless can be assigned the block it has requested.

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<sup>1</sup> The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) awarded Somos, Inc., contracts to serve as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) and Pooling Administrator (PA) including the Routing Number Administrator (RNA) in October 2018. Somos transitioned those services from Neustar.

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