

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
TCG DELAWARE VALLEY, INC., TO OBTAIN )  
ADDITIONAL NUMBERING RESOURCES IN ) PSC DOCKET NO. 06-169  
THE WILMINGTON RATE CENTER )  
(FILED MAY 23, 2006) )

**ORDER NO. 6928**

This 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006, the Commission determines and Orders the following:

1. By PSC Order No. 6600 (Apr. 5, 2005), the Commission decided that it would umpire "safety-valve" requests made under the regime for stringently doling out - and hence conserving - telephone numbers. It's a game played largely to federal rules. See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15.<sup>1</sup>

2. On May 23, 2006, TCG Delaware Valley, Inc. ("TCG"), a certificated local exchange carrier, filed such a "safety-valve" request. It wants the Commission to direct the Pooling Administrator to grant TCG an additional block of 1000 consecutive numbers even though it cannot surmount the normal "months to exhaust" and "utilization" pre-requisites that must be satisfied before a carrier can obtain additional "growth" central office numbers.<sup>2</sup> According to TCG, the additional numbers are needed to serve a particular customer in the Wilmington rate center area. That customer needs a large chunk

---

<sup>1</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4) ("safety-valve" authority granted to state commissions). The Commission summarized the "safety-valve" mechanism in Order No. 6600.

<sup>2</sup>See 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(3).

of numbers in that rate center fitting a particular format: either "302-NX<sub>2</sub> -" or "302-NX<sub>3</sub> -." It is not a "vanity" request. Rather, the particularly formatted numbers are needed so that the customer's Wilmington office can be efficiently linked to the company's other offices (spread throughout the country) via the 5-digit dialing plan used for intra-company communications. According to TCG, its current inventory of numbers (six blocks) cannot yield the needed 1000 consecutive numbers. Moreover, in TCG's calculation, out of the 71 blocks currently unallocated in the Wilmington rate center, any one of at least 20 blocks could be lifted in order to satisfy the customer's formatting requirements.

3. TCG's request - arising from a customer's specific numbering request - is an appropriate one for "safety-valve" consideration. See PSC Order No. 6238 (Aug. 5, 2003) (containing citations to the FCC's discussion in Third Order about customer-specific requests for additional numbers). In fact, earlier in Order No. 6238, the Commission granted a similar "customer-request" "safety-valve" application for another local carrier because of the customer's need for specific numbers due to parameters imposed by the customer's internal communications network. Order No. 6238 at ¶¶ 4, 10. Moreover, based on TCG's representations, it does not appear that alternative means are readily available within already allocated resources to fulfill the customer's requirements. Finally, it is unlikely that granting this request for a single block will start down a slippery-slope to numbering abuse and accelerated exhaustion of

numbers within the 302 NPA. Therefore, the Commission grants the "safety-valve" request filed by TCG on May 23, 2006.

Now, therefore, **IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That, for the reasons set forth in the body of this Order, the Commission now grants the request for additional numbering resources as set forth in the application filed by TCG Delaware Valley, Inc., on May 23, 2006.

2. That, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 52.15(g)(4), the Commission directs the North American Numbering Plan Administrator or the National Pooling Administrator to issue to TCG Delaware Valley, Inc., an additional one thousand block of consecutive numbers of either the format of "302-NX2" or "302-NX3" for use in the Wilmington, Delaware rate center. Such additional block of numbers shall be initially activated by TCG Delaware Valley, Inc., to serve only the customer identified in its request filed on May 23, 2006. If such customer withdraws its request for such numbers, TCG Delaware Valley, Inc. shall return the numbering resource granted here to the North American Numbering Plan Administration or Pooling Administration and may not retain the numbers in the additional thousand block to serve other customers unless TCG Delaware Valley, Inc. shall first meet the relevant growth numbering resource requirements for additional numbering resources.

3. That the Secretary shall promptly send a copy of this Order to NeuStar, Inc.

4. That the Commission reserves the jurisdiction and authority to enter such further Orders in this matter as may be deemed necessary or proper.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/ Arnetta McRae  
Chair

/s/ Joann T. Conaway  
Commissioner

/s/ Jaymes B. Lester  
Commissioner

/s/ Jeffrey J. Clark  
Commissioner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner

ATTEST:

/s/ Karen J. Nickerson  
Secretary