

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-2233/PI-36
on its own motion, to conduct an)
investigation into the conserva-) ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE
tion of assignable telephone) FOR THOUSANDS BLOCK
numbers.) NUMBER POOLING
)
) Entered: May 8, 2001

BY THE COMMISSION:

On February 6, 2001, the Commission entered an order in this docket which extended the implementation of thousands block number pooling from February 17, 2001, to May 1, 2001, because of delays in the release of version 3.0 of the software under development for the implementation of number pooling. We have been notified the release has been once again delayed. Because of the continuing delays in the deployment of release 3.0, the Commission finds that we should delay the mandated implementation date for number pooling to July 1, 2001. This delay would avoid the unnecessary cost of deploying release 1.4, currently available, then, at a later date, converting to release 3.0. This Commission has every expectation that release 3.0 will be available and ready to implement by the new target date of July 1, 2001.

The Commission expresses its concern and frustration over the delays noting that the original implementation date was first moved to February 17, 2001, and then delayed to May 1, 2001, based on inaccurate projections on the deployment of the updated software. The Commission is further concerned that these delays may mean that we will be forced to face a situation where a carrier may need numbers before the mandated date for number pooling. In anticipation of this possibility, the Commission finds that it should direct Neustar to inform this Commission immediately upon any receipt for a request for a thousands block of numbers prior to the new July 1 implementation date and that Neustar should implement release 1.4 to administer the number pooling. If we find that Neustar must institute number pooling using release 1.4 to meet carrier requests, and that the deployment results in additional transition costs when release 3.0 is deployed, the Commission reserves the right to determine how these costs may be recovered including the institution of measures to protect ratepayers. The Commission reserves the right to reexamine and move forward the mandated date for pooling after a review of any request for numbers by a carrier.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the amended implementation schedule as entered by this Commission in its February 6, 2001, order shall be set aside and that a new deadline for final implementation of thousands block number pooling be set for July 1, 2001.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Neustar be directed to inform this Commission immediately upon any receipt for a request of a thousands block of numbers by a Nebraska carrier prior to the July 1, 2001, deadline for final implementation of number pooling.

MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska on this 8th day of May, 2001.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director