

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission,) Application No. C-3049
on its own motion, to conduct an)
investigation into possible) HEARING OFFICER ORDER
solutions for extending the life)
of area codes 308 and 402.) Entered: June 22, 2004

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 11, 2004, the Commission entered an order finding that a workshop is necessary to identify how existing numbering resources are made available for pooling, how carriers obtain numbering resources in the pooling environment, and the technical issues related to the implementation of thousands-block number pooling and rate center consolidation was appropriate.

The Commission further invited comment from all interested parties regarding specific technical issues on implementing thousands-block number pooling, including those specific to using a switch translation approach for thousands-block number pooling. Issues to be addressed at the workshop were to be filed in writing by interested parties on or before May 25, 2004.

Comments were received from United Telephone Company of the West, d/b/a Sprint ("Sprint"), Alltel Nebraska, Inc. ("Alltel"), the Rural Independent Companies ("RIC")¹, and the Nebraska Independent Companies for Embedded-Based Cost Support ("NICE-BCS")².

A workshop is hereby scheduled for July 15, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska. A telephone bridge has been set up for persons who wish to participate telephonically at 402-472-

¹ Arlington Telephone Company, The Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Company, Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telecom, Inc., Consolidated Telco, Inc., Consolidated Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hamilton Telephone Co., Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., K&M Telephone Company, Inc., Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Telephone Co., Pierce Telephone Co., Rock County Telephone Company, Stanton Telephone Co., Inc. and Three River Telco.

² Arapahoe Telephone Company, Benkelman Telephone Company, Cozad Telephone Company, Curtis Telephone Company, Diller Telephone Company, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Hartman Telephone Company, Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, Mainstay Communications, Plainview Telephone Company, Southeast Nebraska Telephone Company, and Wauneta Telephone Company

6295. The following issues will be addressed during the workshop:

A) General Procedures and Policies for donating and obtaining thousands-blocks from the pooling administrator including but not limited to:

- 1) Assumptions and constraints;
- 2) Thousands-Block Assignment Principles;
- 3) Service Provider Responsibilities;
- 4) Pooling Administrator Responsibilities;
- 5) Allocation of Thousands-Blocks;
- 6) Reclamation and Return of Thousands-Blocks; and
- 7) Voluntary thousands-block number pooling Implementation requirements versus mandatory pooling requirements.

B) Thousands-Block Number Pooling.

Thousands-Block Number Pooling implementation using local switch translation issues to be discussed include but are not limited to:

- 1) Technical limitations on the use of switch translations as a methodology for implementing thousands-block number pooling;
- 2) Technical issues of dealing with a contaminated thousands-block vs. a clean thousands-block;
- 3) Switch differences that would impact the donation of a contaminated thousands-block;
- 4) System response to misdialed calls to numbers in a donated block;
- 5) Adequacy of billing information supported/supplied when using the switch translation methodology;
- 6) Impact of thousands-block number pooling on Type I numbers;
- 7) Modifications required in the translation table of an end office to properly route calls;
- 8) Modifications required in the translation table of a tandem office to properly route both incoming and outgoing calls;
- 9) Impact on non-participating carriers e.g.; will an IXC in Georgia need to know what Nebraska is doing;
- 10) Impact on the E911 system and PSAPs;
- 11) Impact of porting numbers in a thousands-block taken from pool.

If it becomes necessary to use rate center consolidation to conserve numbering resources in Nebraska, a separate workshop will be held at that time.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that a public workshop will be held on July 15, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska to discuss the issues contained herein. A telephone bridge has been set up for persons wishing to participate telephonically at 402-472-6295.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of June, 2004.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

By: _____
Frank Landis
Hearing Officer