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## COMMON CARRIER BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN'S PETITION FOR DELEGATION OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NUMBER CONSERVATION MEASURES

NSD File No. L-99-64

Pleading Cycle Established

COMMENTS: September 13, 1999

REPLY COMMENTS: September 27, 1999

On September 28, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") released an order in the matter of a Petition for Declaratory Ruling and Request for Expedited Action on the July 15, 1997 Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Regarding Area Codes 412, 610, 215, and 717, and Implementation of the Local Competition Provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 98-224, CC Docket No. 96-98, NSD File No. L-97-42 (rel. September 28, 1998) ("Pennsylvania Numbering Order"). The Pennsylvania Numbering Order delegated additional authority to state public utility commissions to order NXX code rationing in jeopardy situations and encouraged state commissions to seek further limited delegations of authority to implement other innovative number conservation methods.

On August 5, 1999, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Petitioner) filed a petition requesting authority to implement various number conservation measures. The Petitioner specifically requests authority to: (1) enforce current standards for number allocation, or to set and enforce new standards; (2) order efficient number use practices within NXX codes; (3) order the return of unused and reserved NXX codes (and thousand blocks if number pooling is implemented); (4) order number utilization and forecasting reporting, and audit such reporting; (5) investigate and order unassigned number porting; (6) investigate and order additional rationing measures; and (7) implement mandatory thousand blocks number pooling.

Petitioner states that this request will conserve telephone numbers without anticompetitive consequences and without favoring one type of provider or technology over another. Petitioner further states that the additional authority requested will protect Wisconsin

telecommunications consumers and companies from the ordeal and expense of repeated area code relief measures.

We hereby seek comment on the issues raised in Petitioner's request for delegation of additional authority to implement the above conservation measures. A copy of the petition will be available during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Suite CY-A257, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 418-0267.

Interested parties may file comments concerning this matter on or before **September 13, 1999**, and reply comments on or before **September 27, 1999**. All filings must reference **File No. NSD-L-99-64 and CC Docket 96-98**. Send original and four copies to the Commission Secretary, Magalie Roman Salas, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Suite TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554 and two copies to Al McCloud, Network Services Division, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 6A-320, Washington, D.C. 20554.

Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. If using this method, please reference CC Docket No. **96-98** in the Proceeding Block. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to [ecfs@fcc.gov](mailto:ecfs@fcc.gov), including "get form <your e-mail address>" in the body of the message. A sample form and directions will be sent in reply. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. After filing your comments electronically, please email Al McCloud, [amcloud@fcc.gov](mailto:amcloud@fcc.gov), that comments have been filed.

This is a "permit but disclose" proceeding for purposes of the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See generally 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200-1.1216. As a "permit but disclose" proceeding, *ex parte* presentations will be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules applicable to non-restricted proceedings. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Parties making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must contain a summary of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2). Other rules pertaining to oral and written presentations are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) as well.

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