

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

In the Matter of:)
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Missouri Public Service Commission's)
Petition for Additional Delegated)
Authority to Implement Number) Docket No. 96-98
Conservation Measure in the 314, 417,)
573, 636, 660 and 816 Area Codes.)

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR AN EXPEDITED DELEGATION OF
AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NUMBER CONSERVATION MEASURES**

On November 1, 1999 the Missouri Public Service Commission (MoPSC) filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requesting a grant of additional authority to implement number conservation methods in the 314, 417, 573, 636, 660 and 816 Area Codes.

The MoPSC requested delegation of authority to implement the following:

1. Institute thousand-block pooling trials;
2. establish usage thresholds;
3. reclaim unused and reserved NXX codes, and portions of those codes;
4. establish numbering allocation standards;
5. require sequential number assignment;
6. hear and address claims of carriers seeking numbering resources outside of the rationing process;
7. maintain rationing procedures for six months following area relief;
8. require the submission of utilization data from all carriers;
9. implement NXX code sharing; and
10. audit carriers' use of number resources.

The FCC sought comment on the MoPSC's petition. Comments were due on January 7, 2000 and reply comments were due on January 21, 2000.

This request for expedited consideration of the MoPSC's petition is a result of a December 17, 1999 petition filed with the MoPSC by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator NeuStar, Inc. (NANPA) to address number exhaustion in the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas.¹ Acting on behalf of the Missouri telecommunications industry, NANPA requests in its petition the following:

...approval of a "retroactive" all services overlay relief plan for the 314 Numbering Plan Area ("NPA"), *i.e.*, extending the current 636 NPA to encompass the existing 314 NPA followed by the implementation of a second overlay of a new NPA, and a single all services overlay relief plan for the 816 NPA...

NANPA's petition requests that the MoPSC approve "a schedule for the implementation of the relief plans no later than **March 1, 2000.**" The schedule NANPA petitioned the MoPSC to adopt requests that permissive dialing for the 314 retroactive overlay begin on June 3, 2000 and that mandatory dialing for the 314 retroactive overlay begin on December 2, 2000.

The MoPSC opened a docket to address NANPA's petition and the MoPSC is prepared to proceed with this matter. However, the MoPSC is awaiting a decision from the FCC regarding its own petition for additional numbering authority pursuant to Section 251(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. With less than a month to make a scheduling decision and meet NANPA's requested March 1, 2000 deadline, an expedited response from the FCC is warranted before March 1, 2000.

¹ NANPA, on behalf of the Missouri Telecommunications Industry, Petition for Approval of NPA Relief Plan for the 314 and 816 Area Codes, Case No. TO-2000-374, *Petition of the North American Numbering Plan Administrator on Behalf of the Missouri Telecommunications Industry*, December 17, 1999.

For these reasons, the MoPSC asks that the FCC delegate to the MoPSC the additional numbering conservation measures requested in its Petition on or before March 1, 2000. No party will be prejudiced by this requested action. However, delegating to the MoPSC the requested authority to implement necessary relief measures will benefit all of Missouri's consumers.

Respectfully submitted,

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