

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 30, 2013

IN RE:

**TELEPORT COMMUNICATIONS AMERICA, LLC
PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF GROWTH
CODE DENIAL BY THE NUMBER POOLING
ADMINISTRATOR RELATING TO HEWLETT-
PACKARD COMPANY**

**DOCKET NO.
13-00115**

**ORDER APPROVING PETITION FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW OF
CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL**

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority” or “TRA”), upon the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* filed by Teleport Communications America, LLC (“TCAL”) on August 26, 2013.

On or about August 16, 2013, TCAL submitted an application to the Number Pooling Administrator, NeuStar,¹ to obtain the additional numbering resources that it needs in order to meet the demands of its customer Hewlett-Packard Company (“Hewlett-Packard”). Specifically, TCAL requested one (1) thousands-block assignment in the 615 area code in the Nashville rate center in order to accommodate Hewlett-Packard’s request for three-hundred (300) consecutive numbers.² NeuStar’s Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines permit the assignment of additional codes only after an applicant demonstrates that its rate center has a 75% utilization rate and exhaustion of existing numbering inventory does not exceed six months.³ Therefore, because the Nashville rate center’s current utilization rate is approximately eighty-one percent

¹ NeuStar is an independent non-governmental entity that is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan (“NANP”). See C.F.R. § 52.13(a), (b).

² *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial*, p.4. (August 16, 2013) (Hewlett-Packard intends to use the one thousand block numbers for the Nashville rate center).

³ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, § 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

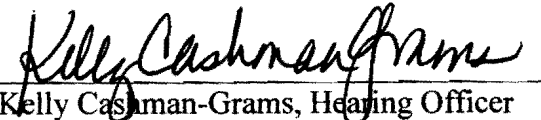
(81%) and the months-to-exhaust is estimated at approximately sixteen (16) months, NeuStar denied the TCAL's application.

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Authority to review NeuStar denials of a numbering application.⁴ The FCC has stated that a state commission may overturn a decision of the Numbering Pooling Administrator when "a carrier demonstrates that it has received a customer request for numbering resources in a given rate center that it cannot meet with its current inventory."⁵ Therefore, upon consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and the Authority's charge to foster competition in the telecommunications industry,⁶ the Hearing Officer agrees that TCAL's request for additional numbering resources in the Nashville rate center should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Number Pooling Administrator's decision to deny Teleport Communications America, LLC's application for additional numbering resources, as set forth in the *Petition for Expedited Review of Central Office Code Denial* and discussed herein, is reversed.

2. The Number Pooling Administrator is directed to assign one (1) thousands block to Teleport Communications America, LLC, within the 615 NPA in the Nashville rate center served by Switch Identification No. NSVLTNWMWMD.


Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer

⁴ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, *Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 95-116, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket No. 99-200, 17 FCC 01-362, ¶ 48 (2001).

⁵ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

⁶ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123.