

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 13, 2026

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF MCIMETRO ACCESS)	DOCKET NO.
TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC d/b/a VERIZON)	26-00001
ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES FOR REVIEW)	
OF CENTRAL OFFICE CODE DENIAL)	

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

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the “Commission” or “TPUC”), upon the *Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services for Expedited Review of Number Pooling Administrator’s Denial of Application for Numbering Resources* (“*Petition*”) filed by MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services (“Verizon Access” or the “Company”) on January 9, 2026.

Verizon Access is a telecommunications public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission that provides local exchange service and exchange access service in the State of Tennessee. In its *Petition*, Verizon Access asserts that on or about December 31, 2025, it submitted an application to SomosGov, Inc. (“Somos”), the Number Pooling Administrator¹ for the assignment of a Thousand Block of consecutive numbers in the Cleveland rate center for Encompass Health.

¹ Somos is an independent non-governmental entity that is responsible for administering and managing the North American Numbering Plan (“NANP”) upon its selection to serve as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) and the Pooling Administrator (“PA”) effective January 1, 2019. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 52.13(a), (b); *FCC Press Release*, <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-354567A1.pdf> (October 16, 2018).

Verizon Access requested these numbers in order to fulfill an order for a customer, Encompass Health, who requested 400 consecutive numbers in the Cleveland Rate Center where the range does not start with a 9, and the first digit of the last four digits does not start with a nine, or zero.² Verizon Access indicates in its *Petition* that it does not have 400 numbers in its inventory to satisfy the customer's request.³

Somos' Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines ("NXX 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.⁴ At the time of Verizon Access's code request, the Cleveland Rate Center had a utilization rate of approximately 62.4% and a months-to-exhaust ratio of approximately over 3.746 months.⁵ Therefore, because the rate center's current utilization rate and months-to-exhaust ratio do not both meet the criteria in the NXX Guidelines, Somos denied Verizon Access's application.⁶

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") has authorized the Commission to review Somos' decision to deny a numbering application.⁷ The FCC has further 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."⁸ Upon consideration of the facts contained in the record, the public interest, and the Commission's charge to foster competition in the

² *Petition*, pp. 1-2 & Exh. 1 (January 9, 2026).

³ *Id.* at 2 & Exh. 2.

⁴ See Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions, *Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (COCAG) Final Document*, ATIS 03-00051, § 4.3.1 (June 15, 2007).

⁵ *Petition*, p. 2 & Exhs. 2 (January 9, 2026).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *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).

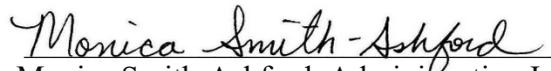
⁸ *In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization*, CC Docket No. 99-200, FCC 00-104, Appendix A, Final Rules § 52.15(g)(3)(iv).

telecommunications industry,⁹ the Administrative Judge agrees that Verizon Access's request should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Number Pooling Administrator's decision to deny MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services' application for additional numbering resources, as set forth in its *Petition of MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services for Expedited Review of Number Pooling Administrator's Denial of Application for Numbering Resources* and discussed herein, is reversed.

2. The Number Pooling Administrator is directed to provide a Thousand Block of consecutive numbers to MCImetro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services to meet the specific requirements of its customer within the 423 area code in the Cleveland Rate Center for Switch Identification No. CHTGTN12X8X.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge

⁹ See Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-123 (2022).