

DT 99-603

SPRINT SPECTRUM L.P.

Petition for Immediate Assignment of NXX Code

Order Granting Petition

O R D E R N O. 23,394

January 27, 2000

On January 10, 2000, Sprint Spectrum L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS (Sprint PCS) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition for emergency relief. Sprint PCS seeks immediate assignment of the 10,000 number NXX code which it is now scheduled to receive in February 2000 pursuant to the approved NXX code rationing scheme adopted by the telecommunications industry by consensus on January 7, 1999. The rationing scheme, which currently issues seven NXX codes per month via a lottery, is governed by area code Extraordinary Jeopardy Procedures administered by the North American Numbering Plan Administrator NeuStar, Inc. In its filing, Sprint PCS explained that it requires the NXX code immediately because testing its new Nashua switch requires a vacant, (i.e., un-utilized, or " uncontaminated") 10,000 number NXX code. The new Nashua switch will provide wireless services to New Hampshire customers. While Sprint PCS currently has numbers in Nashua, it does not possess an uncontaminated code.

Sprint PCS asserts that this relief will not compromise the jeopardy guidelines. The impact of granting this request will be that eight codes will be activated in January instead of the normal jeopardy lottery allotment of seven, and only six NXX codes would therefore be eligible for activation in February, instead of the original seven codes assigned in that month.

The Commission Staff (Staff) has reviewed the circumstances surrounding this request. Based on the evidence provided in support of the request, Staff recommends that the Commission grant the relief sought. According to Staff, denial would only result in delaying service expansion and customer choice, without providing a significant offsetting positive impact on our number conservation efforts. We accept Staff's recommendation. However, we remind Sprint PCS that by our First Order Implementing Number Conservation Methods, Order No. 23,285 (January 7, 2000), we instituted reclamation and other conservation efforts. In accord with the First Order Implementing Number Conservation Methods, after testing the Nashua switch, Sprint PCS must demonstrate all the proofs we included in our recent order regarding fill-rate and utilization.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Sprint PCS request for the immediate assignment of the NXX code it is scheduled to receive in February, for the purposes of testing its Nashua switch is GRANTED.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-seventh day of January, 2000.

Douglas L. Patch
Chairman

Susan S. Geiger
Commissioner

Nancy Brockway
Commissioner

Attested by:

Thomas B. Getz
Executive Director and Secretary