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Implementation of Number Conservation Methods  
Authorized by the Federal Communications Commission

Order Staying Implementation of Allocation of Shared Pooling Costs for  
the Number Pooling Trial in the 603 Area Code and  
Establishing a Hearing

O R D E R    N O.    23,762

August 22, 2001

On July 13, 2001, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order Nisi No. 23,742, (Order) establishing a method to allocate the costs of the Thousand Block Number Pooling Trial administered by NeuStar, Inc. (NeuStar), the entity appointed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to administer the roll out of national number pooling. The order required that the non-recurring and recurring costs of the New Hampshire number pooling trial be allocated on the carriers' percentage of thousand blocks. The order also established that full NXX codes be counted as ten blocks. The Order established August 2, 2001 as the date by which interested parties could submit comments to the Commission on the methodology.

On August 2, 2001, the Commission received comments from Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) and Cingular Wireless (Cingular). Verizon proposed that the Commission adopt a methodology similar to the Local Number Portability (LNP) cost allocation methodology adopted

by the FCC which is based on carrier revenues and asserted that the Commission's order was not supported by a factual record. Cingular argued that the Commission's proposed cost allocation methodology would cause wireless providers to pay a disproportionately high share of the number pooling trial costs because wireless providers are not currently capable of obtaining numbers in thousands blocks. Cingular recommended the non-recurring costs be allocated based on carrier revenues, and recurring costs (also referred to as carrier specific costs) be allocated to those carriers who participate in the pool.

As a result of the comments received, the Commission Staff (Staff) contacted NeuStar and requested that NeuStar await further direction from the Commission before implementing the provisions of the Order. NeuStar agreed to postpone implementation of the Order until the Commission rules on the comments received.

In light of the issues raised by Verizon and Cingular, the Commission has determined to hold a hearing regarding the appropriate allocation of the non-recurring and recurring costs associated with the Thousand Block Number Pooling Trial. Parties who wish to present evidence will be required to prefile testimony and exhibits three days before the hearing. Any other interested party may submit written comments for our consideration three days before the hearing date.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that Order Nisi No. 23,742 is stayed and shall not be implemented until further notice; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 8 Old Suncook Road, Concord, New Hampshire on September 17, 2001, at 10:00 a.m., to hear arguments about how the non-recurring and recurring costs of the Thousand Number Pooling Trial for the 603 Area Code should be allocated; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that parties who wish to present evidence shall prefile testimony and exhibits no later than September 12, 2001; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any interested party may submit comments to the Commission in writing no later than September 12, 2001.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-second day of August, 2001.

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Douglas L. Patch  
Chairman

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Susan S. Geiger  
Commissioner

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Nancy Brockway  
Commissioner

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Executive Director & Secretary