

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
to consider the implementation of limited number)	Case No. U-13086
pooling trials.)	
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At the September 7, 2001 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Laura Chappelle, Chairman
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

OPINION AND ORDER

On August 24, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted this Commission conditional authority to institute thousands-block number pooling trials in five area codes: the 248, 313, 616, 734, and 810 NPAs. In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization et al., CC Docket No. 99-200 et al., DA 01-2013 (released August 24, 2001). The FCC's order authorizes the Commission to implement pooling trials that conform to the national framework until national pooling commences in March 2002. When the national program commences, any trials that have begun in Michigan will be preempted. The order permits the Commission to implement pooling in a single MSA after providing adequate time for carriers to adjust their switches and administrative systems. The Commission may expand pooling to another MSA only after pooling has been fully implemented in the initial MSA and carriers have had sufficient time to make the necessary adjustments for pooling, such as modifying their databases

and upgrading their switch software. The order does not permit the Commission to commence a pooling trial for an NPA until it has approved an area code relief plan that can be implemented if numbering resources in the NPA are in imminent danger of being exhausted. The order permits the Commission to require only those carriers that have implemented permanent local number portability to participate in the trials. Finally, the order requires that the Commission address issues of cost recovery.

Having sought the authority granted by the FCC, the Commission is committed to exercising that authority. The Commission therefore seeks comment from the industry on how best to conduct the number pooling trials and to use the preparation for those trials to facilitate Michigan's participation in the national rollout of number pooling. The Commission also seeks comment in this docket on a mechanism for recovering the joint and carrier-specific costs of implementing and administering the pooling trials in a competitively neutral manner. Further, to facilitate the implementation of number pooling, the Commission designates NeuStar, Inc., as the interim pooling administrator.

Finally, because the FCC does not permit the use of number pooling trials as an alternative to implementing area code relief plans, the comments should not propose any changes to area code relief plans. Regardless of when number pooling commences, the area code relief plans that have been approved by the Commission will go forward as ordered.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. Interested parties should have an opportunity to comment on the implementation of number pooling trials.

c. An interim pooling administrator should be appointed.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Comments on instituting number pooling trials in Michigan, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's order, shall be filed by September 21, 2001.

B. Comments on a cost recovery mechanism for number pooling trials shall be filed by September 28, 2001.

C. NeuStar, Inc., shall be the interim pooling administrator for any state number pooling trials.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

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/s/ Laura Chappelle
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
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By its action of September 7, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated September 7, 2001 soliciting comments on conducting number pooling trials in Michigan, as set forth in the order.”