

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion into Competition for Local Exchange Service.

Rulemaking 95-04-043
(Filed April 26, 1995)

Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion into Competition for Local Exchange Service.

Investigation 95-04-044
(Filed April 26, 1995)

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING IMPLEMENTING WAIVER
GRANTED BY FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ORDER**

This ruling implements the waiver granted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order 03-196, adopted August 5, 2003 and released August 11, 2003. Pursuant to FCC rules, carriers participating in thousand-block number pooling must donate thousand-blocks that have a 10% or less contamination rate to the number pool for the rate center from which the numbering resources are assigned. FCC Order 03-196 grants California a limited waiver to raise the authorized contamination threshold on an interim basis from 10% to 25% in the 310 and 909 area codes for purposes of establishing the number of thousand-blocks that carriers are required to donate to the number pools.

The effect of raising the contamination threshold is to increase the amount of thousand blocks that carriers must donate to the number pool. To the extent that additional thousand blocks are available to the pool through increased

carrier donations, the life of the area code can be extended. This ruling implements the provisions of the waiver as granted by the FCC.

The FCC Order also requires that the Commission file a report on April 30, 2004, with the FCC, evaluating the effectiveness of the waiver, to be used in considering whether to extend the waiver for a longer period. In order to facilitate preparation of the report to the FCC, the Commission directs carriers to maintain data quantifying the additional thousand-blocks that they donate to the 310 and 909 number pools as a result of increasing the allowed contamination threshold from 10% to 25%. Carriers are directed to submit this data to the Director of the Telecommunications Division by March 30, 2004.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Pursuant to the waiver granted by Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Order 03-196, the pooling administrator for the 310 and 909 area code number pools is hereby requested to accept donated thousand-blocks that are 25% or less contaminated, rather than the previous 10% contamination limit.
2. As authorized by FCC 03-196, the Commission hereby requires carriers to donate blocks in the 310 and 909 area codes with up to 25% contamination. All carriers holding numbers in the 310 and 909 area codes shall review their inventory levels and donate 25% or less contaminated thousand-blocks in excess of their six-month inventory needs by December 1, 2003. To promote efficient use of numbering resources, carriers should actively monitor number inventory levels and periodically donate excess thousand-blocks with 25% or less contamination levels to the 310 and 909 number pools.
3. Carriers shall maintain appropriate records to quantify the incremental thousand-blocks that are donated as a result of raising the contamination rate

from 10% to 25% in the 310 and 909 area codes, and shall compile this information for each applicable rate center and report it to the Director of the Telecommunications Division by March 30, 2004.

4. Donations of thousand-blocks at the 25% contamination rate in the 310 and 909 area codes as prescribed by this ruling shall continue in effect until or unless modified by further order of the FCC or by ruling or order from this Commission.

Dated August 21, 2003 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ LORETTA M. LYNCH

Loretta M. Lynch
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling Implementing Waiver Granted by Federal Communications Commission Order on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated August 21, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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