

Decision No. R23-0548-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23V-0274T

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING PLAN ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF THE COLORADO TELECOMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY FOR RELIEF FOR THE 970 AREA CODE.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
AVIV SEGEV
ESTABLISHING DEADLINE FOR PARTIES AND
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE PETITION**

Mailed Date: August 17, 2023

I. STATEMENT

1. On May 31, 2023, the North American Numbering Planning Administrator (NANPA), filed its Petition (Petition) on behalf of the Colorado telecommunications industry for the approval of an overlay relief plan to address the anticipated exhaustion of available telephone numbers in the 970 Numbering Plan Area (NPA).

2. On June 8, 2023, the Commission issued its Notice of Petition Filed, giving notice of the Petition and setting a 30-day intervention period.

3. On June 12, 2023, The Office of Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA) filed its Notice of Intervention of Right and Entry of Appearances of the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate.

4. By Decision No. C23-0480-I, issued August 1, 2023, the Commission joined as parties to this Proceeding 61 telecom providers that are assigned telephone numbers in the 970 NPA, and was referred this matter to an administrative law judge (ALJ) for disposition. The Commission stated:

... all providers that are currently assigned telephone numbers in the 970 NPA will be impacted by the addition of a new area code. It is important that we can hear from those providers as to how the proposed overlay will affect them and to ensure that this Proceeding addresses any other issues that may arise from the proposed overlay.¹

5. By Decision No. R23-0519-I, issued, August 4, 2023, the ALJ scheduled a prehearing conference in this matter for August 15, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

6. At the scheduled time and place, a prehearing conference was held. Petitioner, UCA, CenturyLink Communications, LLC, CenturyTel of Colorado, Inc., CenturyTel of Eagle, Inc., Delta County Tele-Comm, Inc., Eastern Slope Rural Tel. Assn., Inc., Farmers Tel. Co., Inc., Fasttrack Communications, Inc., Phillips County Tel. Co., Plains Coop. Tel. Assn., Inc., Stoneham Coop. Tel. Co., Willard Tel. Co., and Wiggins Tel. Assn. appeared represented by counsel. In addition, Ms. Tessa Whiteside appeared on behalf of Telnix LLC, Mr. Dan Bowlin appeared on behalf of Dish Wireless, LLC, Ms. Kathy Troughton appeared on behalf of Bresnan Broadband of Colorado, LLC (Charter Communications), and Ms. Peggy Manino appeared on Behalf of Roggen Telephone Broadband, and Ms. Carey Gagnon appeared on behalf of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

7. To provide the parties and the public an opportunity to provide input concerning the Petition, the ALJ will set a deadline of September 27, 2023 for: (a) any party to make a filing addressing the merits of the Petition; (b) for any member of the public to submit written comments regarding the Petition through the Commission's website at <https://puc.colorado.gov/> by clicking on the "FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT" link, as ordered below.

¹ Decision No. C23-0480-I issued August 1, 2023 at 2.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The deadline for the parties to make a filing addressing the merits of the Petition, filed May 31, 2023, by the North American Numbering Planning Administrator on behalf of the Colorado telecommunications industry (Petition), is September 27, 2023.

2. The deadline for members of the public to submit comments regarding the Petition, is September 27, 2023. Members of the public can submit comments through the Commission’s website at <https://puc.colorado.gov/> by clicking on the “FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT” link and following the ensuing prompts.

3. This Decision shall be effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

AVIV SEGEV

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director