

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: AT&T COMMUNICATIONS :
WAIVER REQUEST FOR :
NUMBER BLOCK RELEASE : DOCKET NO. 4326
RHODE ISLAND CVS CAREMARK :

ORDER

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2011, AT&T filed a request with the Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a waiver from the denial by the North American Number Pooling Administrator (“NANPA”) of AT&T’s request to release certain blocks of numbers for AT&T’s customer, CVS Caremark (“the Customer”); and

WHEREAS, The Customer requested 200 telephone numbers specifically in the Woonsocket rate center in order to implement a new dialing structure; and

WHEREAS, In order to meet the Customer’s needs, AT&T had requested a thousand block that ends in 00-99 but in an exchange that does not begin with “9”; and

WHEREAS, AT&T has an adequate supply of numbers but not in the format required by the Customer, and was denied by NANPA on the basis that it had a 13.6% utilization rate, below the FCC’s 75% threshold. AT&T has few blocks assigned to it in the Woonsocket rate center; and

WHEREAS, Data Requests were propounded to provide some clarification and to attempt to ensure that AT&T was asking for the least onerous solution in order to protect the area code; and

WHEREAS, AT&T does not meet the Commission’s criteria for the granting of a waiver, but has very few blocks in its inventory from which to choose, and has a customer with specific needs that cannot be met from its inventory, and further, the

customer will utilize 20% of the requested numbers immediately, and is projected to use another 30% within the next three years; and

WHEREAS, The Commission has approached the issue of Waivers for a number block release in an attempt to balance the interest of preserving the area code and meeting customer needs; and

WHEREAS, In this case, AT&T cannot meet the needs of its Customer without the granting of this Waiver and thus, the granting of this Waiver will assist in economic development by allowing the Customer to expand its services *within its existing network configuration* and is the only way AT&T will be able to meet the Customer's needs; and

WHEREAS, Given the adequacy of available numbers in the 401 area code, the Commission' approval of the waiver will not unduly affect the availability of numbers in the 401 area code; and

WHEREAS, The Commission again cautions that carriers should make every effort to work with customers to avoid the need to seek a waiver and maximize the utilization of the numbers to which the carrier is assigned.

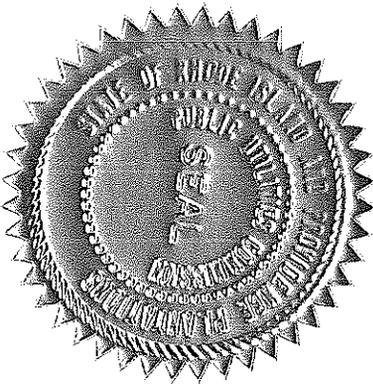
Accordingly, it is

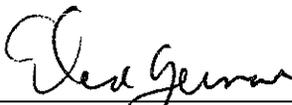
(20752) ORDERED:

1. That AT&T's request for a waiver from the denial of the release of a thousand block comprised of XX00-XX99 but in an exchange that does not begin with "9" is granted.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON JUNE 12, 2012
PURSUANT TO AN OPEN MEETING DECISION. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED ON
JUNE 12, 2012.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION





Elia Germani, Chairman



Mary E. Bray, Commissioner

*Paul R. Roberti, Commissioner

*Commissioner Roberti concurs with the decision but is unavailable for signature.