

## PROJECT NO. 24186

THOUSAND-BLOCK NUMBER                    §        PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
POOLING TRIALS IN TEXAS                   §                                    OF TEXAS

### ORDER MODIFYING SCHEDULE FOR THOUSAND-BLOCK POOLING TRIALS IN THE HOUSTON, DALLAS AND FORT WORTH METRO AREAS

On June 4, 2001, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) issued two orders initiating a total of four thousand-block pooling trials.<sup>1</sup> With the Metro Pooling Order, thousand-block pooling trials were ordered to begin according to the following schedule: Houston MSA (281/713/832 NPAs) – November 1, 2001; Dallas MSA (214/972/469 NPAs) – December 1, 2001; and Fort Worth MSA (817/682 NPAs) – January 2, 2002. On June 18, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) selected NeuStar, Inc. as the national pooling administrator. Accordingly, the national thousand-block pooling program is scheduled to begin March 2002.<sup>2</sup>

In response to the FCC's selection of the national pooling administrator, and in response to concerns raised by industry participants, the Commission orders modifications to the rollout of the thousand-block pooling trials ordered by the Metro Pooling Order. First, the Commission believes the Dallas and Fort Worth metro areas would be best served by delaying thousand-block pooling until it can be implemented as part of the national pooling program. The Commission will urge the FCC to place the Dallas MSA in the first quarter rollout schedule. Second, the Commission believes the rollout of thousand-block pooling in the Houston metro area would be most effective if the implementation is staggered by NPA. This will allow carriers adequate time for personnel to complete the administrative preparations for pooling. Additionally, maximum benefits will result if thousand-block pooling is implemented in the 832 NPA first because it has

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<sup>1</sup> *Thousand-Block Number Pooling Trials in Texas*, Project No. 24186, Order Initiating Thousand-Block Pooling Trial in the 210 Area Code (June 4, 2001) ("210 Pooling Order"); *Thousand-Block Number Pooling Trials in Texas*, Project No. 24186, Order Initiating Thousand-Block Pooling Trials in the Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth Metropolitan Areas (June 4, 2001) ("Metro Pooling Order").

<sup>2</sup> FCC News Release (June 18, 2001) referencing FCC Docket No. CC 99-200.

the greatest number of NXXs available for assignment. Accordingly, the Commission makes the following modifications to the pooling trial schedule:

<b>NPA</b>	<b>Original Pooling Start Date</b>	<b>Revised Pooling Start Date</b>
832 NPA – Houston	November 1, 2001	<i>no change</i>
281 NPA – Houston	November 1, 2001	<i>December 1, 2001</i>
713 NPA – Houston	November 1, 2001	<i>January 1, 2002</i>
214/972/469 Dallas MSA	December 1, 2001	<i>national program</i>
817/682 Fort Worth MSA	January 1, 2002	<i>national program</i>

SIGNED AT AUSTIN, TEXAS the \_\_\_\_\_ day of August 2001.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**

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