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The date for the Michigan Telecommunications Act 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party was incorrectly reported in the last issue of the **MTR** (April 22, 2005, Vol. 21, No. 8). The event was held on Thursday, April 28, 2005.

### MPSC ASKS FOR VOIP CONSUMER PROTECTION MEASURES

*Note: On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission issued the following press release:*

#### MPSC Asks Michigan Legislature to Amend the Michigan Telecommunications Act to Add Voice over Internet Protocol Consumer Protection Measures

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today issued an order asking the Michigan legislature to amend the Michigan Telecommunications Act to authorize it to address concerns raised about Voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) service. VOIP is a developing technology that may be used to transmit voice conversations over the Internet. It is the subject of ongoing debates among state and federal regulators, legislators and the telecommunications industry.

"Michigan residents using Voice over Internet Protocol deserve consumer protections,"; said MPSC Chairman J. Peter Lark. "Because the Michigan Telecommunications Act is silent on Voice over Internet Protocol service using the public switched telephone network, customers using this new technology do not have consumer protections that telecommunication customers have. As has already been demonstrated in Michigan and elsewhere, lack of 9-1-1 access using VOIP service is a serious concern. We are asking the

Michigan legislature to amend the MTA and put safeguards in place for VOIP customers."

The MPSC on March 16, 2004 started an investigation of VOIP in Michigan, asking for comments on VOIP issues in Michigan. The Commission received comments from 38 organizations and individuals. Comments included identification of known VOIP providers serving Michigan customers; the proper degree of regulation; telephone numbering resources; emergency calling; universal service fund; access charge structures; abbreviated and toll-free dialing; quality of service; and various technical issues.

Today's MPSC order asks the Michigan legislature to authorize it to assess the effect of VOIP service over the public switched telephone network on Michigan citizens, to adopt non-intrusive registration and certification mechanisms by which customer complaints regarding voice communication services may be forwarded to the appropriate companies, and to ensure that all citizens of the state have the benefit of enhanced 9-1-1 services.

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### PENDING LEGISLATION

The following is a list of active telecommunications bills that have been introduced during the current legislative session. Copies of bills and public acts referred to in this column may be obtained by contacting your state senator or representative, on the Michigan Legislature Web site, <<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>> or from the Legislative Service Bureau Document Room at (517) 373-0169.

Senate Bill # Senator	Date Introduced	Description	Status
SB 48 Johnson	1/25/05	State; authorities; issuance of bonds for equipment associated with telecommunications on the campuses of Michigan institutions of higher education with lease options back to the institutions and the state; provide for. Amends sec. 7 of 1964 PA 183 (MCL 830.417).	To Senate Committee on Appropriations
SB 58 Cherry	1/25/05	Communications; telecommunications; 9-1-1 system to pinpoint caller location; provide for. Amends 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 – 484.1717) by adding sec. 408a	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 127 Hardiman	2/1/05	Communications; cellular telephone; customer consent to list numbers in a cell phone directory; require. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2701) by adding sec. 360a.	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy

SB 221 McManus	2/17/05	Income tax; credit; tax credit for placement of a cell phone tower on an individual's property located in an underserved area; provide for. Amends 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.1 - 206.532) by adding sec. 262.	To Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism
SB 222 Barcia	2/17/05	Single business tax; credit; tax credit for companies that construct cell phone towers in rural areas; establish. Amends 1975 PA 228 (MCL 208.1 - 208.145) by adding sec. 35c.	To Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism
SB 224 Van Woerkom	2/17/05	Communications; telecommunications; broadband development authority; require to designate a certain amount of financial assistance to rural underserved areas. Amends sec. 7 of 2002 PA 49 (MCL 484.3207).	To Senate Committee on Agriculture, Forestry, and Tourism

House Bill # Representative	Date Introduced	Description	Status
HB 4050 Lemmons III	1/27/05	Corrections; state facilities; telephone system for state correctional facilities; impose requirements. Amends 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.283) by adding section 69b.	To House Committee on Judiciary
HB 4052 Lemmons III	1/27/05	Trade; consumer goods and services; sale of cellular telephones and pagers to a minor; require written parental consent. A bill to prohibit the sale of cellular telephones and pagers to certain minors without written parental consent; and to prescribe civil sanctions.	To House Committee on Judiciary
HB 4067 Schuitmaker	1/27/05	Communications; telecommunications; requirement for timely transfer of customers from 1 provider to another; provide for. A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled "Michigan telecommunications act," (MCL 484.2101 to 484.2701) by adding section 364.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4397 Sak	2/23/05	Communications; telecommunications; cell phone numbers listed with directory assistance; provide for. Amends sec. 309 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2309).	To House Committee on Energy and Technology

<b>House Bill # Representative</b>	<b>Date Introduced</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Status</b>
HB 4423 Wojno	3/1/05	Prohibits telemarketers from leaving certain messages requesting consumers to return call. Am. Sec. 1c, PA 227, 1971 (MCL 445.111c) as added by PA 612, 2002.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4563 Garfield	3/24/05	A bill to repeal 2002 PA 49, entitled "Michigan broadband development authority act," (MCL 484.3201 to 484.3225).	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4600 Drolet	4/13/05	Communications; telecommunications; regulation of telecommunications industry; eliminate. Creates new act entitled the "communications act" to be effective 01/01/06. A bill to promote deployment of and investment in communications services in this state; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology

### **PUBLIC ACTS OF 2005**

There are currently no Public Acts related to telecommunications that have been passed during the current legislative session (2005-2006). Copies of past public acts may be obtained by contacting your state senator or representative, on the Michigan Legislature Web site, <<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>> or from the Legislative Service Bureau Document Room at (517) 373-0169.

### **ORDERS**

*Note: orders issued April 28, 2005*

**Case No. U-11098**

**SBC Michigan and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC,  
as successor in interest to MCI WORLDCOM Communications Inc**

Application filed April 21, 2005 for approval of an eighth amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-11178**

**SBC Michigan and MCImetro Access Transmission Services  
as successor in interest to Brooks Fiber Communications of  
Michigan Inc**

Application filed April 21, 2005, for approval of a seventh amendment to an interconnection agreement, (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-12038**

**Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and TelCove Operations, Inc., f/k/a Adelphia Business Solutions of Michigan Inc**

Application filed March 7, 2005 for approval of a first amendment to an interconnection agreement (amending transport and intercarrier compensation)

**Case No. U-12465**

**SBC Michigan and AT&T Communications of Michigan Inc**  
**Application filed April 25, 2005 for approval of a fourteenth amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)**

**Case No. U-12465**

**SBC Michigan and TCG Detroit Holdings I Inc**  
Application filed April 25, 2005 for approval of a thirteenth amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-12798**

**SBC Michigan and Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan**  
Application filed April 5, 2005 for approval of a seventh amendment to an interconnection agreement, (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-12988**

**SBC Michigan and ACD Telecom Inc**  
Application filed April 20, 2005 for approval of a third amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-13218**

**SBC Michigan and RACC Enterprises, LLC**  
**Application filed March 24, 2005 for approval of a second amendment to an interconnection agreement (bring pricing schedules into compliance with final order in Case No. U-13531)**

**Case No. U-13378**

**SBC Michigan and Comcast Phone of Michigan LLC**  
Application filed April 11, 2005 for approval of the third amendment to an interconnection agreement (revise pricing schedule per TELRIC)

**Case No. U-13513**

**SBC Michigan and Sage Telecom Inc**  
Application filed March 16, 2005 for approval of a tenth amendment to an interconnection agreement (post-TRO Remand regarding loop transport rate increase and embedded base transition)

**Case No. U-13513**

**SBC Michigan and Sage Telecom Inc**

Application filed March 16, 2005 for approval of an eleventh amendment to an interconnection agreement (TRO remand regarding certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to mass market unbundled and local switching rate increases and embedded base transition)

**Case No. U-13710**

**SBC Michigan and Trinsic Communications Inc**

Application filed April 5, 2005 for approval of a sixth amendment to an interconnection agreement (bring pricing schedules into compliance with final order in Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-13758**

**SBC Michigan and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC**

Application filed April 21, 2005 for approval of a fourth amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-13889**

**Verizon North Inc and Contel of the South Inc, d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC, as successor in interest to Brooks Fiber Communications of Michigan Inc**

Application filed April 19, 2005 for approval of a second amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-14001**

**SBC Michigan and ATI Networks Inc**

Application filed March 28, 2005 for approval of a seventh amendment to an interconnection agreement (revised pricing schedule per TELRIC)

**Case No. U-14001**

**SBC Michigan and ATI Networks Inc**

Application filed April 6, 2005 for approval of the eighth amendment to an interconnection agreement (revised pricing schedule per TELRIC)

**Case No. U-14152**

**SBC Michigan and Level 3 Communications LLC**

Application filed April 8, 2005 for approval of a second amendment to an interconnection agreement (pricing schedule incorporating TELRIC costs for UNEs, per Case No. U-13531)

**Case No. U-14222**

**SBC Michigan and The Winn Telephone Company,  
d/b/a Winn Telecom**

Application filed March 16, 2005 for approval of an eleventh amendment to an interconnection agreement (TRO remand order regarding loop-transport rate increase and embedded base transition)

**Case No. U-14222**

**SBC Michigan and The Winn Telephone Company,  
d/b/a Winn Telecom**

Application filed March 16, 2005 for approval of a twelfth amendment to an interconnection agreement (TRO remand regarding certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to mass market unbundled and local switching rate increases and embedded base transition).

**Case No. U-14413**

**SBC Michigan and TelNet Worldwide Inc**

Application filed March 25, 2005 for approval of a fourth amendment to an interconnection agreement (adds Core Communications Inc's petition for forbearance).

**Case No. U-14477**

**Ogden Telephone Company and Michiana Metronet Inc**

d/b/a Centennial Wireless

Application filed April 1, 2005 for approval of an interconnection agreement

**Case No. U-14481**

**Blanchard Telephone Association Inc, and Michiana Metronet Inc,  
d/b/a Centennial Wireless**

Application filed April 8, 2005 for approval of an interconnection agreement.

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an order approving the interconnection agreements and amendments listed above.

**Case No. U-12701**

**Global Telelink Services Inc  
(rescinded license)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an order rescinding the license of Global Telelink Services, Inc. ("GTS") to provide basic local exchange service, which it received on February 5, 2001. On April 5, 2005 the receiver for GTS filed a letter surrendering the above-referenced license.

**Case No. U-13751**

**Michiana Metronet Inc, Centennial Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Corp,  
and Centennial Michigan RSA 7 Cellular Corp  
(ETC designation)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an order granting the request of Michiana Metronet, Inc., Centennial Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Corp., and Centennial Michigan RSA 7 Cellular Corp. to expand its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) designated service area for universal support purposes to include certain additional rate centers acquired in a Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) approved wireless license purchase from AT&T Wireless. However, the application was granted with the understanding that (1) additional filings, including, but not limited to, a five-year service quality plan and a progress report on network improvements funded by universal service high-cost monies, may be required to be periodically filed with the Commission, and (2) Centennial Wireless will comply with enhanced service requirements, as required by the FCC.

**Case No. U-14073**

**Commission’s Own Motion  
(investigation into VOIP)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order requesting the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan Telecommunications Act so as to specifically empower the Commission to assess the effect of Voice over Internet Protocol (“VoIP”) service on Michigan’s citizens, to adopt non-intrusive registration and certification mechanisms by which customer complaints regarding voice communication services may be forwarded to the appropriate companies, and to ensure that all citizens of this state have the benefit of enhanced 9-1-1 services. The Commission also states that monitoring of numbering resources will continue to ensure proper assignment and alleviate potential area code relief, and that the Commission will support efforts to include VoIP in the definition of “service supplier” in the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. Finally, the Commission notes that the ability for VoIP services to be compliant with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act will be determined at the federal level. This order was issued subsequent to the Commission’s investigation into VoIP services which commenced on March 16, 2005, and which included the input from many commenters, several of which said they were already providing VoIP services to Michigan customers. This docket is now closed.

**Case No. U-14178**

**Millard P. Coleman v Alliance Group Services Inc and  
National Access Long Distance  
(consumer complaint: slamming)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order dismissing the complainant of Millard P. Coleman against Alliance Group Services, Inc. and National Access Long Distance regarding an unauthorized switch in long distance service providers. On March 22, 2005 the complainant filed a request to withdraw the company.

**Case No. U-14440**

**Benjamin Szczesny v Verizon North Inc and Contel of the South Inc  
d/b/a Verizon North Systems  
(consumer complaint: slamming)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order dismissing with prejudice the complaint of Benjamin Szczesny against Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems regarding an unauthorized switch of telephone service. On April 6, 2005 the complainant filed a request to withdraw the complaint.

**Case No. U-14473**

**CenturyTel Acquisition LLC  
(license)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order granting to CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service in the LATA exchanges served by Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and SBC Michigan. The temporary license shall expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying its application for a permanent license.

**Case No. U-14488**

**Commission’s Own Motion  
(rescinding rules governing the regulation of telecommunications services)**

On April 28, 2005 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order commencing a proceeding in this docket to rescind administrative rules R 484.1 to R 484.67, which govern certain telecommunications services and which were made obsolete due to subsequent rules promulgated by the Commission. The Commission states that in order to remove references to these obsolete rules from the Administrative Code, they must be formally rescinded. Copies of the rules to be rescinded will be submitted to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules without public hearing or further public notice.

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**NOTICES OF HEARING**

*Unless otherwise noted, all hearings are held at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan*

**Case No. U-14472**

**Suzanne Costa v AT&T Communications of Michigan Inc  
(consumer complaint: slamming)**

On March 30, 2005, Suzanne Costa (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against AT&T Communications of Michigan, Inc. (AT&T), alleging AT&T is in violation of Section 502 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) for unauthorized billing and erroneous charges to her account. Complainant is asking for relief, including, but not limited to reimbursement totaling \$800.00,

the imposition of fines of at least \$1,000.00 per day, and the entry of a Cease and Desist Order. The Commission will consider the complaint at a public hearing in this matter to be held at **9:00 a.m. on May 11, 2005.**

**Case No. U-14473**  
**CenturyTel Acquisition LLC**  
**(license)**

The April 1, 2005 application of CenturyTel Acquisition, LLC for the issuance of a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges currently served by SBC Michigan, Verizon North Inc., and Contel of the South Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and for related approvals/waivers is set for an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on May 24, 2005.** Interventions are due on or before **May 20, 2005.**

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### **PSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE**

*Note: Unless indicated otherwise, hearings are held in the offices of the Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing.*

#### **Hearings Scheduled for Last Week (April 25 - 29, 2005)**

April 26, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14423/evidentiary hearing  
Celerity Telecom (license)

April 26, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

Case No. U-14432/evidentiary hearing  
UCN Inc. (license)

#### **Hearings Scheduled for This Week (May 2 - 6, 2005)**

May 2, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14405/evidentiary hearing  
Kentucky Data Link (license)

May 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14461/evidentiary hearing  
Kelly Rogers v Sprint Communications (slamming)

May 5, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14128/evidentiary hearing  
Frank Pruitt v SBC  
(misrepresentation and unauthorized charges)

#### **Future Hearings Scheduled**

May 11, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14472/public hearing  
Suzanne Costa v AT&T (slamming)

May 24, 2005, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-14473/evidentiary hearing  
CenturyTel Acquisition LLC (license)

## **APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS**

### **Case No. U-13921**

#### **IDT America Corp and SBC Michigan (interconnection agreement)**

On May 4, 2005 IDT America Corporation and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Seventh Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement reflecting new costs for unbundled network elements (UNEs) as ordered by the Commission in its January 25, 2005 Order in Case No. U-13531.

### **Case No. U-13924**

#### **American Farm Bureau and SBC Michigan (interconnection agreement)**

On April 29, 2005 American Farm Bureau and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Third Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement reflecting new costs for unbundled network elements (UNEs) as ordered by the Commission in its January 25, 2005 Order in Case No. U-13531.

### **Case No. U-14037**

#### **CIMCO Communications Inc and SBC Michigan (interconnection agreement)**

On April 28, 2005 CIMCO Communications, Inc. and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Twelfth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement reflecting new costs for unbundled network elements (UNEs) as ordered by the Commission in its January 25, 2005 Order in Case No. U-13531.

### **Case No. U-14476**

#### **United Communications Systems Inc and AADS of Michigan Inc, d/b/a SBC Advanced Solutions Inc (interconnection agreement)**

On May 3, 2005 United Communications Systems, Inc., d/b/a Call One (“Call One”) and AADS of Michigan, Inc., d/b/a SBC Advanced Solutions Inc. (SBC-ASI), jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of their interconnection agreement (“Agreement”). The parties state that Call One requested to negotiate interconnection arrangements, and that the Agreement expires on August 1, 2006.

### **Case No. U-14480**

#### **Kathleen Lightfoot v United Telecom (consumer complaint: slamming)**

On May 2, 2005 Kathleen Lightfoot (“Complainant”), of Harbor Springs, amended the April 7, 2005 formal complaint filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission alleging that United Telecom switched her local and long distance telephone service without authorization, and refused to release her phone number to SBC Michigan until she paid for her service with United Telecom.

Complainant seeks reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, the imposition of fines and the entry of a cease and desist order against United Telecom.

**Case No. U-14490**

**Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV & Campground Association v  
BullsEye Telecom Inc**

**(consumer complaint: false, misleading and deceptive statements; unauthorized charges)**

On April 29, 2005 Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV & Campground Association (the "Association") filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission alleging that BullsEye Telecom, Inc. ("BullsEye") is claiming the Association is responsible for paying for a third year of service on what the Association claims were two two-year contracts. The Association states that because it decided to change service providers at the end of its two-year contracts, BullsEye is charging the Association early termination fees of approximately \$2,174.00 for the third years it claims remain under the contracts. The Association seeks, among other things, an order requiring BullsEye to pay fines up to \$3,000 per day, and the removal of any charges BullsEye claims are due from the Association.

**Case No. U-14495**

**Nationsline Michigan Inc and Verizon North Inc and  
Contel of the South Inc, d/b/a Verizon North Systems and  
(interconnection agreement)**

On April 26, 2005 Nationsline Michigan, Inc. ("NL") and Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems (collectively, Verizon) jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of their Interconnection Agreement ("Agreement"). The parties state that the Agreement is the product of good faith, private negotiations, and is acceptable to both parties

On April 26, 2005 NL and Verizon also jointly filed an application with the Commission for approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement. The parties state that Amendment No. 1, among other things, amends the terms and conditions between them with respect to Triennial Review Order arrangements and is the result of voluntary negotiations.

**Case No. U-14497**

**David Hepp v ACN**

**(consumer complaint: slamming)**

On April 27, 2005 David Hepp ("Complainant"), of Chesterfield, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission alleging that ACN switched his long distance telephone service provider with authorization. Complainant seeks reimbursement for his out-of-pocket expenses, the imposition of fines and the entry of a cease and desist order.

**Case No. U-14499**  
**Sprint Communications Co LP**  
**(rate alteration – basic local exchange service)**

On May 4, 2005 Sprint Communications Company L.P. (“Sprint”) applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval to make certain alterations to its rates for basic local exchange service. Sprint seeks authority to increase its tariffed rates for the Primary Access Line for its basic local exchange calling plan, and the associated increase in the Primary and Additional access lines to which the basic local exchange calling plan is a portion of the bundled services. Sprint proposes an increase in: (A) Local exchange residential calling service with Unlimited Local Calling; (B) Primary access line bundled package calling plans, which include Local Exchange Service with unlimited local calling, custom calling features, and Dial-1 minute for IntraLATA toll, intrastate and interstate long distance calling; (C) Additional access line bundled package calling plans, which include Local Exchange Service with unlimited local calling and presubscription to Sprint’s IntraLATA toll, intrastate and interstate long distance calling.

**Case No. U-14507**  
**SBC**  
**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Allendale Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Allendale) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14508**  
**SBC**  
**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchanges of Barry County Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchanges (Banfield, Lacey, Pine Lake, and Delton) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14509**  
**SBC**  
**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Carr Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Carr) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14510**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Deerfield Farmers' Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Petersburg) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14511**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Drenthe Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Drenthe) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14512**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Lennon Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Lennon) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14513**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Peninsula Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Old Mission) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14514**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchanges of Pigeon Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Alba, Lakes of the North, Pigeon, Twining) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14515**

**SBC**

**(notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service)**

On April 29, 2005 SBC Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission a notice of discontinuance of intrastate intraLATA toll service to customers in the local exchange of Waldron Telephone Company. SBC claims that one or more alternative providers are providing intrastate intraLATA toll service in the exchange (Waldron) in which SBC intends to discontinue service.

**Case No. U-14517**

**Clarence Hucul v Comcast**

**(consumer complaint: unauthorized charges)**

On April 2, 2005 Clarence Hucul (“Complainant”), of Plymouth, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission alleging that Comcast, the company providing his residential telephone service, is overcharging him for domestic long distance calls. Complainant states he was offered a service package that includes 120 minutes of domestic long distance calls for a monthly charge of \$7.00, but that Comcast, on two different occasions, has charged him separately for domestic long distance calls. Complainant was told by Comcast that they combine the local toll calls and the domestic long distance calls, and that he had exceeded his package limit and was charged for the overage. Complainant seeks a credit applied to his account and reimbursement for his time and out-of pocket expenses.

**Case No. U-14518**

**United Telecom Inc**

**(summary termination of CenturyTel’s Rural Exemption)**

On May 2, 2005 United Telecom, Inc. (“United”) filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an application requesting an order terminating any exemption that CenturyTel, Inc. (“CenturyTel”) may be entitled to for its basic local exchange operating companies. United states that it sent CenturyTel a bona fide request for interconnection, services, and network elements, and that CenturyTel responded by submitting a nondisclosure agreement requesting that United Telecom acknowledge that, “CenturyTel is a ‘rural telephone company’ . . .” Further, United claims that CenturyTel refuses to clarify what interconnection services it will provide, indicating instead that depending upon what services United seeks, it may have to decline on the basis of asserting the rural exemption. United claims that CenturyTel’s letter declaring an exemption from providing interconnection functions is simply another roadblock erected by the ILECs to prevent or delay full competition in Michigan.

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## **PSC NOTICES OF OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT**

### **Case No. U-14456**

#### **Chippewa County Telephone Company, Hiawatha Telephone Company, Midway Telephone Company, and Ontonagon County Telephone Company (collectively the Hiawatha Companies) (expanded local calling)**

On March 18, 2005 Chippewa County Telephone Company, Hiawatha Telephone Company, Midway Telephone Company, and Ontonagon County Telephone Company (collectively the “Hiawatha Companies”) filed a joint application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for authority to 1) offer expanded local calling throughout the Upper Peninsula to the exchanges defined as the Amasa, Bark River, Bergland, Bessemer, Big Bay, Brevort, Calumet, Champion, Channing, Cornell, Curtis, Crystal Falls, Engadine, Escanaba, Gladstone, Gwinn, Hermansville, Houghton, Iron Mountain, Iron River, Ironwood, Ishpeming, Keweenaw, Lake Linden, Mackinac Island, Marquette, Menominee, Michigamme, Negaunee, Newberry, Norway, Perkins, Powers, Rapid River, Republic, Rock, Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Stephenson, Trout Lake, Wakefield, and Watersmeet exchanges in the filed tariffs of SBC Michigan; and to the exchanges defined as the Alston, Baraga, L’Anse, and Tapiola exchanges in the filed tariffs of Baraga Telephone Company; and to the exchanges defined as the Cedarville, De Tour, Garden, Gulliver, Kinross, Manistique, Pickford, and Rudyard exchanges in the filed tariffs of CenturyTel of Upper Michigan; and to the exchanges defined as the Carney, Donken, Drummond Island, Faithorn, Felch, Fence River, Lake Gogebic, Marenisco, Michigamme Forest, North Land O’ Lakes, Rexton, Scott Point, Smokey Lake, Wallace, and the Watson exchanges in the filed tariffs of the Upper Peninsula Telephone Company, and to the Au Train, Chatham, Sand River, Skandia, and Trenary exchanges in the filed tariffs of Chatham Telephone Company, 2) implement a rate adjustment in its basic exchange rates related to the provision of such expanded local calling and, 3) block 1+ originating toll calling from the exchanges of interest to the expanded local calling area. On April 7, 2005 the Commission directed the Hiawatha Companies to issue a notice in accordance with the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, as amended. In addition, the Hiawatha Companies must also notice SBC Michigan, CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Upper Peninsula Telephone Company, Baraga Telephone Company and Chatham Telephone Company and all 1+ providers in the exchanges of interest. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 19, 2005**.

### **Case No. U-14468**

#### **Allendale Telephone Company (expanded geographic service)**

On March 25, 2005, Allendale Telephone Company (Allendale) filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval to expand the geographic area of its license to provide basic local exchange service. Allendale requests authority to provide service in the Holland, Zeeland, Hudsonville, and Jamestown exchanges currently served by SBC Michigan, in the Hamilton exchange currently served by Verizon North, Inc., and in the Burcalo exchange currently served by CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan Inc. On April 8, 2005 the Commission directed Allendale to issue notice of its request by April 28, 2005. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2005**.

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**2005 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DATES\***

<b>Month &amp; Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>
May 17	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
June 7	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
June 30	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
July 19	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 16	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 20	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
October 18	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
November 3	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
December 20	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

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