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In first year, Southeastern Michigan's 2-1-1 Helpline received close to 98,000 calls

On December 7, United Way for Southeastern Michigan celebrated a successful first year of operation of its 2-1-1 call center. According to a press release issued by United Way of Southeastern Michigan, the call center received 97,959 calls during its first year of operation.

"The sheer volume of people calling 2-1-1 in its first year proves how necessary the service is for this region," said Michael J. Brennan, President and CEO, United Way for . . .

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. . . Southeastern Michigan. "2-1-1 has made great strides in the past year to streamline access to services and provide a single point of entry into the health and human service system. In this unprecedented time when the request for services is at an all time high, 2-1-1 is a valuable resource for those who need help or those who wish to give help."

United Way was authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 214 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, as the 2-1-1 community resource information and referral answering point for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in an order issued in MPSC Case No. U-14541 on August 16, 2005. The 24-hour-a-day service connects people to more than 6,600 health and human services, as well as volunteer opportunities.

United Way's 2-1-1 service is a collaborative partnership with The Information Center, The Detroit Public Library, Common Ground Sanctuary, Macomb County Crisis Center, Neighborhood Service Organization, and United Way 2-1-1 Livingston, Monroe and Washtenaw Counties. This partnership ensures that the 2-1-1 service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Additional information is available at the United Way of Southeastern Michigan's website <<http://www.uwsem.org/>>.

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.

The Michigan Legislature will be adjourning *sine die* on December 29, 2007. Unless passed, any bill introduced during the 2005-2006 Legislative Session will expire and will have to be reintroduced in 2007.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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).	9/6/06 reported out of House Committee on Appropriations without amendment; 7/26/06 passed by the Senate.
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.	3/1/06 passed roll call #100, yeas 37, Nays 0, excused 0, not voting 0; referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology
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.	5/25/05 passed Senate with Sub S-2, yeas 27, nays 9, excused 2, not voting 0; referred to House Committee on Tax Policy
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.	5/25/05 passed Senate with Sub S-1, yeas 28, nays 9, excused 1, not voting 0; referred to House Committee on Tax Policy
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).	6/7/05 passed, yeas 32, nays 2, excused 4, not voting 0; referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology
SB 528 Johnson	5/24/05	Communications; telecommunications; regulation of telecommunications industry; eliminate. Creates new act.	5/24/06 referred to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 595 Switalski	6/16/05	Use tax; rate; certain telecommunication services and motion picture films; include in taxable items. Amends sec. 3a of 1937 PA 94 (MCL 205.93a).	To Senate Committee on Appropriations
SB 737 Thomas III	9/6/05	Traffic control; violations; use of cellular telephone while operating a vehicle driving in a left lane of a highway; prohibit and provide penalties. Amends 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.1 – 257.923) by adding sec. 682c.	To Senate Committee on Transportation; 11/9/05 reported favorably with recommendation for referral to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy; referred to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 754 Brown	9/13/05	Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for. Amends secs. 102, 202, 208 & 304 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2102 et seq.) & repeals sec. 304b of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2304b).	10/11/05 Passed roll call –Yeas 38 Nays 0 Excused 0 not voting 0; 10/12/05 referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology
SB 806 Patterson	10/11/05	Public utilities; public service commission; regulation of public service commission; establish.	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 814 Patterson	10/18/05	Traffic control; civil infraction procedures; points added to driver license record when determined that use of cellular telephone contributed to cause of traffic violation; provide for, and prohibit novice drivers from using handheld cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle.	10/19/05 reassigned to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 885 Hardiman	11/10/05	Crimes; other; damaging, destroying, or preventing access to telecommunication device to prevent report of domestic violence or to summon assistance required as a result of domestic violence; prohibit and provide penalties. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 411u.	11/10/05 referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary
SB 1211 Basham	4/19/06	Communications; telecommunications; eligibility date to opt into METRO funds; revise. Amends sec. 13 of 2002 PA 48 (MCL 484.3113).	4/19/06 referred to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 1291 Jacobs	6/07/06	Communications; cellular telephone; cell phone users bill of rights; establish.	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 1311 Schauer	6/15/06	Corrections; state facilities; furnishing cellular telephones or other wireless communication devices to prisoners; prohibit. Amends title of 1909 PA 17 (MCL 800.281 - 800.285) & adds sec. 3a.	To Senate Committee on Judiciary
SB 1312 Switalski	6/15/06	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; guidelines for crime of furnishing cell phones or similar devices to prisoners; create. Amends sec. 17g, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.17g)	To Senate Committee on Judiciary
SB 1458 Jacobs	9/19/06	Consumer protection; privacy; information privacy and protection act. Creates new act.	To Senate Committee on Judiciary
SB 1478 Patterson	9/20/06	Income tax; credit; tax credit for purchase of certain computer software to filter or monitor internet activity; provide for. Amends 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.1 - 206.532) by adding sec. 277.	To Senate Committee on Finance

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 1479	9/20/06	Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; access to social websites by certain sex offenders; prohibit. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 411u.	To Senate Committee on Judiciary
SCR 0021 Patterson	5/18/05	A concurrent resolution to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use its authority posthaste to require that Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) service providers make enhanced 9-1-1 emergency call services available to all customers..	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.	9/21/06 Notice given to discharge 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.	9/21/06 Notice given to discharge House Committee on Judiciary
HB 4067 Schuitmaker	1/27/05	Communications; telecommunications; requirement for timely transfer of customers from one 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
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

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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
HB 4952 Miller	6/16/05	Use tax; rate; certain telecommunication services and motion picture films; include in taxable items. Amends sec. 3a of 1937 PA 94 (MCL 205.93a).	To House Committee on Tax Policy
HB 5053 Stewart	7/13/05	Traffic control; violations; use of a handheld cellular device while driving; prohibit in most circumstances. Amends 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.1 - 257.923) by adding sec. 677b.	To House Committee on Transportation
HB 5115 Bieda	9/6/05	Environmental protection; recycling; collection for recycling or disposal of used cellular telephones by retailers; require. Amends 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.101 - 324.90106) by adding pt. 175.	To House Committee on Natural Resources, Great Lakes, Land Use, and Environment
HB 5122 Vander Veen	9/6/05	Trade; antitrust; refusals to deal by providers of electronic data interchange and value added network services; prohibit. Amends title & sec. 1 of 1984 PA 274 (MCL 445.771) & adds sec. 3a.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 5133 Law	9/7/05	Traffic control; violations; use of cell phone while operating a vehicle by an individual in the graduated licensing program; prohibit and establish penalties. Amends sec. 907 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.907) & adds sec. 602b.	10/20/05 passed House; Yeas 78, Nays 27; 10/25/05 given immediate effect; referred to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
HB 5272 Elsenheimer	10/06/05	Communications; telecommunications; disclosure of early termination fees or penalties; require.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 5392 Kolb	11/1/05	Disabilities; accessible electronic information service; establish and provide funding source. Creates new act.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 5483 Pearce	12/6/05	Traffic control; civil infraction procedures; points added to driver license record when determined that use of cellular telephone contributed to cause of traffic violation; provide for, and prohibit novice drivers from using handheld cellular telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Amends secs. 320a & 907 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a & 257.907) & adds sec. 602b.	To House Committee on Judiciary

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5488 Farhat	12/7/05	Public utilities; other; pole attachment authority; establish. Amends sec. 6g of 1939 PA 3 (MCL 460.6g).	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 5895 Hoogendyk	3/21/06	Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 5917 Nofs	3/28/06	Communications; telecommunications; Provide amendments to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act. Amends secs. 401, 407, 408, 412 & 717 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1401 et seq.).	5/10/06 Sub S-1 passed by the House, 100 yeas, 5 nays. Referred to Senate Committee on Technology and Energy.
HB 5999 Condino	4/26/06	Corrections; state facilities; furnishing cellular telephones or other wireless communication devices to prisoners; prohibit. Amends title of 1909 PA 17 (MCL 800.281 - 800.285) & adds sec. 3a.	12/20/06 Presented to Governor; 12/12/06 Passed Senate 37 Yeas, 1 Nay; Bill Ordered Enrolled.
HB 6000 Condino	4/26/06	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; guidelines for crime of furnishing cell phones or similar devices to prisoners; create. Amends sec. 17g, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.17g). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5999'06.	12/20/06 Presented to Governor; 12/12/06 Passed Senate 37 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Not Voting; Bill Ordered Enrolled
HB 6136 Gosselin	06/06/06	Communications; cellular telephone; assessment of fees and interest during a dispute between consumers and wireless companies; prohibit. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2604) by adding sec. 381.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 6189 Cushingberry	6/13/06	Communications; telecommunications; amendments to the emergency telephone service enabling act; provide for. Amends sec. 102 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1102) & adds sec. 408a.	To Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 6198 Gosselin	6/14/06	Communications; cellular telephone; minimum rate assessed on charge for default of payment; establish. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2604) by adding sec. 381.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 6277 Sheen	6/28/06	Sales tax; exemptions; provision regarding review process for telecommunication equipment exemption; revise.	12/27/06 Presented to Governor; 12/14/06 Sub H-1 passed Senate, 38 Yeas, 0 Nays; Given Immediate Effect; Ordered Enrolled
HB 6278 Sheen	6/28/06	Use tax; exemptions; provision regarding review process for telecommunication equipment exemption; revise.	12/27/06 Presented to Governor; 12/14/06 Sub H-1 passed Senate, 38 Yeas, 0 Nays; Given Immediate Effect; Ordered Enrolled

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 6355 Green	8/16/06	Communications; cellular telephone; requirement for vendors of prepaid cellular telephones to obtain and retain certain information from purchaser. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2604) by adding Part J, sec. 325.	8/16/06 To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 6430 Law	9/13/06	Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; access to social websites by certain sex offenders; prohibit. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding section 411u.	9/19/06 Sub H-3 Reported with recommendation by House Committee on Judiciary; 9/20/06 passed House; Yeas 107, Nays 0; referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary
HB 6456 Nofs	9/12/06	Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for. Creates new act.	12/21/06 Signed by Governor; assigned PA 480.
HB 6480 Kolb	9/14/06	Labor; fair employment practices; employer monitoring of employee communications; prohibit unless the employer establishes an employee monitoring policy and discloses that policy to employees. Creates new act.	9/14/06 To House Committee on Employment Relations, Training, and Safety
HB 6522 Angerer	9/14/06	Consumer protection; privacy; information privacy and protection act. Creates new act.	9/14/06 To House Committee on Judiciary
HB 6619 Kolb	11/14/06	Communications; telecommunications; mobile friendly site for directory assistance access to state employees; create.	11/14/06 To Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 6667 Proos	11/29/06	Communications; telecommunications; reporting requirements on number of phone lines within individual communities; include in METRO act. Amends sec. 5 of 2002 PA 48 (MCL 484.3105).	11/29/06 Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2005 AND 2006 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that have been passed during the current legislative session (2005-2006). Copies of 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.

Public Act No.	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill No. and Sponsor
2005 PA 58	6/30/05	Communications; telecommunications; rule making and eliminate sunset of the Michigan telecommunications act; provide for. Repeals enacting section 1 of 2004 PA 591.	Enrolled SB 551 Patterson

Public Act No.	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill No. and Sponsor
2005 PA 103	07/22/05	Public utilities, other; use of highway by public utilities; provide for under certain conditions. Amends sec. 13 of 1925 PA 368 (MCL 247.183).	Enrolled SB 522 McManus
2005 PA 235	11/22/05	Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for. Amends secs. 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 203a, 204, 205, 210, 213, 214, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 309, 309a, 310, 312, 314a, 315, 316, 316a, 317, 321, 352, 353, 355, 357, 358, 359, 401, 502, 503, 504, 505 & 604 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 et seq.); adds secs. 211a, 252, 301a, 305a, 305b, 310a, 314b & 353a & repeals (See bill).	Enrolled HB 5237 Nofs
2006 PA 60	03/21/06	Crimes; other; damaging, destroying, or preventing access to telecommunication device to prevent report of domestic violence, report of crime, or report of illness or injury; prohibit and provide penalties. Amends sec. 540 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.540). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5043'05 HB 5044'05.	Enrolled SB 1024 Hardiman
2006 PA 61	03/21/06	Crimes; malicious destruction; damaging, destroying, or using telephone or computer equipment without authorization; prohibit and provide a penalty. Amends sec. 540 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.540).	Enrolled HB 5043 Schuitmaker
2006 PA 62	03/21/06	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of damaging, destroying, or using telephone or computer equipment without authorization; enact. Amends sec. 16z, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.16z). TIE BAR WITH: HB 5043'05.	Enrolled HB 5044 Schuitmaker
2006 PA 74	03/20/06	Communications; telecommunications; transfer of funds from the CMRS emergency telephone fund to the general fund; provide for. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	Enrolled SB 960 Switalski
2006 PA 133	05/16/06	Consumer protection; home solicitation sales; telemarketers; prohibit leaving certain messages requesting consumers to return call. Amends sec. 1c of 1971 PA 227 (MCL 445.111c).	Enrolled HB 4423 Wojno
2006 PA 246	06/27/06	Consumer protection; other; sale of cellular telephone records; prohibit. Amends sec. 5 of 2004 PA 452 (MCL 445.65) & adds sec. 5a.	Enrolled SB 1202 Patterson
2006 PA 249	06/21/06	Communications; telecommunications; sunset on 9-1-1 emergency service district; extend.	Enrolled SB 1172 Brown
2006 PA 432	10/03/06	Insurance; other; waiver of customer liability agreement; clarify as not being insurance. Amends 1956 PA 218 (MCL 500.100 - 500.8302) by adding sec. 126.	Enrolled HB 6248 Hune

Public Act No.	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill No. and Sponsor
2006 PA 480	01/01/07	Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for. Creates new act.	Enrolled HB 6456 Nofs

ORDERS ISSUED BY MPSC

The Michigan Public Service Commission issued the following Orders at the regularly scheduled Commission meeting held on December 21, 2006 at 1:30 p.m.:

Case No. U-12927 Interconnection Agreement
 AT&T Michigan and DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=12927>
 Application filed December 1, 2006 for approval of a seventeenth amendment to an interconnection agreement (adding Coordinated Hot Cut Appendix).

Case No. U-15143 Interconnection Agreement
 Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and
 Charter Fiberlink-Michigan, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15143>
 Application filed November 29, 2006 for approval of an interconnection agreement (adoption pursuant to 47 USC 252(i) of the agreement approved on July 19, 2005 in Case No. U-13931).

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an Order approving the Interconnection Agreements and Amendments listed above.

Case No. U-13531 TSLIRC
 SBC Michigan
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13531>

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting SBC Michigan n/k/a AT&T Michigan’s (“AT&T”) August 22, 2005 Motion to have the Interconnection Agreement between itself and Winstar Communications, LLC (“Winstar”) deemed amended and approved with the modified pricing schedule amendment. The amendments conform the Interconnection Agreement pricing to the rates established as a result of the Commission’s approval of AT&T’s Total Service Long Run Incremental Cost (“TSLRIC”) studies in MPSC Case No. U-13531. The Commission had previously, upon the Motion of AT&T, amended the Interconnection Agreements of several other competitive local exchange carriers. AT&T had inadvertently left Winstar off of the list of carriers whose Interconnection Agreements should be amended that had accompanied AT&T’s prior motions. Winstar did not respond to AT&T’s motion.

Case U-14905 Interconnection Dispute
 The Michigan Exchange Carriers Association, Inc., v
 Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=14905>

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Opinion and Order resolving the May 30, 2006 Complaint of The Michigan Exchange Carriers Association, Inc. (“MECA”) against Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon

North Systems (collectively, “Verizon”), regarding measurement of usage and nonpayment of usage based charges. The Commission recognized that the primary issue in this case related to the appropriate measurement and charges for terminating toll access service, which a MECA company provides when Verizon, acting as an interexchange service provider (“IXP”), delivers a toll call that terminates on a rural Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier’s (“ILEC’s”) facilities. According to the Order, “MECA filed this case requesting dispute resolution over the appropriate method for measuring terminating toll access minutes. It seeks a declaration that Verizon must pay all of the billings rendered by the rural ILECs without revision to reflect ITAC-generated usage data. ITAC, or IntraLATA Terminating Access Compensation, represented Verizon’s preferred method for measuring terminating toll access minutes, as opposed to the prior used method, which was based on ratios of terminating and originating minutes (“T/O ratios”), and as opposed to MECA’s preferred Residual Usage Methodology (“RUM”). The Commission directed the parties to participate with the Staff in a collaborative effort to deal with the appropriate measurement and billing for terminating toll access service provided by the MECA companies that subtend a Verizon tandem, and to resolve the disposition of bills rendered after the respective rural ILECs ceased using the T/O ratios for billing. The Commission ordered Verizon to pay “for originating toll access service and billing and collection service in the amounts as billed by those companies” and for past due bills and during the collaborative process, to pay “the amount it calculates is due for terminating toll access using the ITAC method, plus one-half of the difference between that amount and the amount billed by the rural incumbent local exchange providers, while depositing into an interest-bearing escrow account the remaining half of the difference.” With respect to local transport and termination, the Commission found “that transport and termination charges are controlled by federal law, and Verizon is correct in its argument that the compensation arrangements, which the rural ILECs have a duty to make, must be ‘reciprocal compensation arrangements for the transport and termination of telecommunications.’” However the Commission, then “establishe[d] asymmetrical rates pursuant to 47 CFR 51.711(b) or (c),” allowing the rural ILECs to collect compensation for transport and termination based on their tariff, and ordered Verizon to pay such.

Case No. U-14988

Consumer Complaint: Quality of Service

All About You Hair Studio and Tammy Garinger v MichTel Communications, Inc.

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order dismissing, without prejudice, the August 1, 2006 Complaint of All About You Hair Studio and Tammy Garinger (“Complainant”) against MichTel Communications, Inc., alleging service quality issues. On December 4, 2006, the Complainant had filed a request to withdraw the Complaint without prejudice.

Case No. U-15068

Expanded Local Calling Area

Kaleva Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15068>

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the October 2, 2006 application filed by Kaleva Telephone Company for authority to offer expanded local calling to adjacent exchanges from its Brethren, Dublin, Kaleva, and Wellston exchanges. The Order also approves Kaleva’s requested rate increase of \$2.38 per month, from \$16.05 to \$18.43 for Primary Basic Local Exchange Service (“PBLES”) customers in its base rate area and from \$17.05 to \$19.43 for PBLES customers outside its base rate area.

Case No. U-15077
Springport Telephone Company
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15077>

Expanded Local Calling Area

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order denying the October 2, 2006 application filed by Springport Telephone Company for authority to offer expanded local calling by adding the Albion, Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Marshall, Parma, Rives Junction, Olivet, and Onondaga exchanges to the local calling area for its PBLES customers and adjusting its PBLES rate. The Commission found that while Springport had “complied with the statutory requirement in MCL 484.2304(10) to file an adjacent local calling plan,” the required “cost benefit analysis demonstrates that the plan is not in the best interest of the customers’ and, therefore, should be denied.”

Case No. U-15078
Baraga Telephone Company
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15078>

Expanded Local Calling Area

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the October 2, 2006 application filed by Baraga Telephone Company for authority to offer expanded local calling to adjacent exchanges and to block “1+” dialing to the new local calling areas from its Alston, Baraga, Tapiola, and L’Anse exchanges. However the Commission denied Baraga’s proposed expansion to non-adjacent exchanges. The Order, also approves Baraga’s requested rate increase of by \$3.52, from \$19.98 to \$23.50, for Primary Basic Local Exchange Service (“PBLES”) customers.

Case No. U-15079
Communications Corporation of Michigan
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15079>

Expanded Local Calling Area

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the September 29, 2006 application filed by Communications Corporation of Michigan (“CCM”) for authority to offer expanded local calling from its Augusta and Clayton exchanges, block “1+” dialing to the new local calling areas, and pay local termination rates for calls that originate and terminate within the expanded calling areas. The Order also approves CCM’s requested rate increase for Primary Basic Local Exchange Service (“PBLES”) customers in its Augusta and Clayton exchanges (from \$16.17 to \$19.20 per month in Clayton and from \$18.23 to \$21.26 per month in Augusta).

Case No. U-15093
Frontier Communications of America, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15093>

License

On December 21, 2006, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting to Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (“Frontier”) a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service in the zone and exchange areas in which Verizon North, Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan are the incumbent local exchange carriers. The temporary license shall expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying Frontier’s application for a permanent license.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-15165

Interconnection Agreement

Chatham Telephone Company, Communications Corporation of Michigan, Inc., Island Telephone Company, Shiawassee Telephone Company, and Wolverine Telephone Company (collectively, "TDS Companies") and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems
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On December 22, 2006, Chatham Telephone Company, Communications Corporation of Michigan, Inc., Island Telephone Company, Shiawassee Telephone Company, and Wolverine Telephone Company (collectively, "TDS Companies") and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15166

SS7 Billing

Alltel Communications, Inc. v AT&T Michigan

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15166>

On December 17, 2006, Alltel Communications, Inc. ("AllTel") filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission against AT&T Michigan, alleging that AT&T Michigan improperly billed for SS7 message charges for wireless calls originated by Alltel and terminated by AT&T in Michigan, and are within the Commission's jurisdiction. According to the Complaint, these charges were billed by AT&T to VeriSign, Inc. ("VeriSign") which transmits SS7 messages for Alltel. Alltel further alleges that the Interconnection Agreement between itself and AT&T does not authorize AT&T to bill Alltel for receiving and processing ISUP messages associated with intraMTA traffic. Alltel seeks a refund of all amounts improperly billed, which presently amounts to \$1,469,109.99, plus interest, and other relief in accordance with the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

Case No. U-15167

Consumer Complaint: Discontinuance of Service

Novak & Associates Insurance v LDMI Telecommunications

On December 27, 2006, Terry Novak, on behalf of Novak & Associates Insurance ("Complainant"), of Dearborn, Michigan, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against LDMI Telecommunications ("LDMI"). The Complaint alleges that LDMI discontinued service to the Complainant business while it was in receivership because the receiver failed to pay an invoice on time. Now, LDMI allegedly will not restore the Complainant's telephone numbers. Complainant seeks restoration of telephone numbers or the ability to transfer those numbers to a different carrier.

Case No. U-15170

SS7 Billing

JoAnne J. Smith v AT&T Michigan

On December 27, 2006, JoAnne J. Smith ("Complainant") filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against AT&T Michigan, alleging that AT&T Michigan improperly charged the Complainant for services she did not order and did not receive.

NOTICES OF OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT |

The following Notices of Opportunity to Comment have been issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission's Executive Secretary. Any interested person may submit comments on the application by sending written comments to the Commission by mail to: Executive Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Electronic comments may be e-mailed to: <mpscefilecases@michigan.gov>. Any comments should reference the applicable docket number.

Case No. U-15110

2-1-1

Jackson 2-1-1 Call Center

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15110>

Comments Due: January 12, 2007

On December 5, 2006, Jackson 2-1-1 Call Center filed a revised application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting assignment of the abbreviated telephone digits 2-1-1 and designation as the community resource information and referral answering point for any telephone exchange located, in whole or in part, within Clinton County, Eaton County, Hillsdale County, and Ingham County. Interested persons are invited to file comments in this docket on or before **January 12, 2007**.

NOTICES OF HEARING |

The following notices of hearing have been issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission's Executive Secretary. 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-15068

License

Globetel, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15068>

Evidentiary Hearing, January 4, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

The September 20, 2006 application of Globetel, Inc. for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan is set for an evidentiary hearing at 10:00 a.m. on **January 4, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman.

Case No. U-15093

License

Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15093>

Evidentiary Hearing, January 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The October 4, 2006 application of Frontier Communications of America, Inc., as amended on October 31, 2006, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zones and exchanges served by AT&T Michigan, Verizon North, Inc., Verizon North Systems, and Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc., is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **January 4, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman.

Business Communication Analysts

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15103>

Evidentiary Hearing, January 9, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The October 16, 2006 application of Business Communication Analysts, Inc. , for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North, Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., and AT&T Michigan is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **January 9, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Daniel Nickerson, Jr.

MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, hearings are held in the offices of the Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan. Hearing dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. Please check with the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 to confirm that a hearing will be taking place.

KNOWN TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT (JANUARY 2, 2006 THROUGH JANUARY 12, 2006)

January 4, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15093/evidentiary hearing
Frontier Communications of America, Inc.
(license)

January 4, 2007, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15068/evidentiary hearing
Globetel, Inc. (license)

January 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15103/evidentiary hearing
Business Communication Analysts, Inc. (license)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

January 24, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15137/evidentiary hearing
National Grid Communications, Inc. (license)

February 6, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15116/evidentiary hearing
Tele-Reconnect, Inc. (license)

January 30, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15036/evidentiary hearing
AT&T Michigan (pbles rate)

2007 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES |

<u>Month & Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 9	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission is expected to announce a complete schedule of regular meetings for 2007 by January 19, 2007.

* Additional Special Meetings may be scheduled, as needed, on 18-hours notice as permitted by Section 5(4) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.265(4). Agendas for all Regular and Special Meetings will be posted on 18 hours notice. A posted agenda is subject to amendment as determined by the Commission. Any person with a question about a Regular or a Special Meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission may make an inquiry by calling the Commission's Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160

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