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MPSC: Lifeline Discounts Available to Low-Income Telephone Customers |

Note: The Michigan Public Service Commission issued the following Press Release on September 13, 2010. For additional information contact Judy Palnau at (517) 241-3323.

As Lifeline Awareness Week begins nationally, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today noted that Lifeline telephone service discounts are available to low-income customers in Michigan.

“The Lifeline discount available to low-income customers can be the difference between affording telephone service and . . .

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... going without," said Commissioner Monica Martinez at a news conference at the Salvation Army in Lansing. "The Federal Communications Commission has noted that at least half of eligible customers nationwide do not take advantage of these discounts. Enrolling in the Lifeline program is easy and provides a monthly discount to eligible Michigan telephone customers. Customers participating in other assistance programs are likely eligible for the Lifeline discount."

"AT&T has been a long-time supporter of Lifeline programs and offers programs for our traditional landline and wireless customers," said James Murray, president of AT&T Michigan. "Our lifeline programs offer monthly discounts for our customers and discounts on the initial installation of service, assistance that is especially important as our state's economy works to get back on track."

"Michigan's rural telephone companies see every day how important the Lifeline program is to their customers," added Scott Stevenson, president of the Telecommunications Association of Michigan. "As community based businesses, these companies go beyond traditional advertising to promote the program - they use all of the communications channels that exist in small towns to make sure people are aware of the money they can save with Lifeline discounts. In today's economy, helping customers save money on phone service makes a real difference to many families."

To qualify for Lifeline in Michigan, the customer's household income must be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or the customer must participate in one of the following assistance programs: Medicaid; food stamps; supplemental security income ("SSI"); federal public housing assistance (Section 8); the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP"); the national school free lunch program; or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Eligible customers should contact their local telephone or wireless provider to apply.

In addition to all landline telephone service providers, seven wireless telephone service providers offer Lifeline discounts in Michigan. They are: AllTel Communications (Verizon Wireless), New Cingular Wireless (AT&T Mobility), SprintCom Wireless/Nextel West, Nexus Communications (Reachout Wireless), Thumb Cellular, TracFone Wireless (prepaid) and Virgin Mobile.

The MPSC today also issued an updated Lifeline consumer alert that includes income guidelines and other details about the Lifeline program, as well as the federal Link-Up program that reduces phone service installation charges. It is available on the MPSC's website - <http://michigan.gov/mpsc> - or by calling 1-800-292-9555.

More information is also available on the federal Lifeline Web site: <http://lifeline.gov>.

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has proclaimed Sept. 12 through Sept. 18 as "Lifeline Awareness Week" in Michigan. The proclamation is designed to highlight the Lifeline program so that all eligible customers are aware of the program and take the steps to sign up.

The MPSC is an agency within the Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth.

2009 & 2010 LEGISLATION |

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 # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 012 Hardiman	01/14/2009	Campaign finance; public disclosure; disclosure of committees that employ and registration of persons who make “robocalls” in campaigns.	Referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.
SB 013 Hardiman	01/14/2009	Administrative procedure; rules; state office of administrative hearings and rules; require policy posting of revisions and assessment of impact on the rules in the private sector.	06/16/2009 Substitute S-1 Passed Senate, 20 Yeas, 16 Nays, 1 Excused; 06/17/2009 referred to House Committee on Great Lakes and Environment.
SB 036 Pappageorge	01/27/2009	Education; curricula; internet safety instruction in schools; require. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1163.	Referred to Senate Committee on Education.
SB 149 Patterson	01/29/2009	Communications; internet; obtaining personal information by false pretenses; prohibit. Amends secs. 3, 7 & 9 of 2004 PA 452 (MCL 445.63 <i>et seq.</i>) & adds sec. 7a.	08/19/09 Reported by House Committee on Judiciary with recommendation and amendment; referred to second reading.
SB 190 2009 PA 4 Thomas	02/04/2009	Communications; video services; dispute resolution process; provide for. Amends sec. 10 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3310).	04/02/2009 Signed by Governor Granholm; assigned 2009 PA 4 with immediate effect.
SB 371 Garcia	03/12/2009	Communications; cellular telephone; active duty military personnel; allow to cancel cellular telephone contract without penalties. Creates new act.	11/10/2009 Reported with recommendation and without amendment by the House Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security; Referred to Second Reading
SB 397 Thomas	03/19/2009	Communications; video services; video service provider; clarify public, education, and government access fee. Amends sec. 6 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3306).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 402 Thomas	03/24/2009	Traffic control; violations; operation of a vehicle while using certain electronic devices; prohibit. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a). Tie-Bar to SB 468.	01/26/2010 Substitute S-3 passed Senate, 31 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 Excused; Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
SB 417 Basham	03/31/2009	Traffic control; violations; use of hand-free wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle; allow. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation.
SB 467 Kahn	04/23/2009	Transportation; school vehicles; use of cellular telephone while operating a school bus; prohibit, and provide penalties. Amends 1990 PA 187 (MCL 257.1801 - 257.1877) by adding sec. 58.	Referred to Senate Committee on Education.
SB 468 Kahn 2010 PA 59	04/24/2009	Traffic control; violations; use of handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit under certain circumstances and permit use of hands-free wireless telephone. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) by adding sec. 602b.	05/04/2009 Signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.
SB 611 Thomas	05/27/2009	Communications; telecommunications; provision relating to toll access service rates; modify. Amends sec. 310 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2310).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 770 Patterson	08/26/2009	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; use of commercial social networking websites by sex offenders; prohibit. Amends 1994 PA 295 (MCL 28.721 - 28.736) by adding sec. 37.	Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.
SB 883 Deborah Cherry	09/17/2009	Use tax; collections; definition of interstate telecommunications services; expand to include international services.	Referred to Senate Committee on Finance.
SB 989 Switalski	12/09/2009	Traffic control; violations; use of handheld cellular telephone device while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit, and provide penalties. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation.
SB 1068 Basham	01/20/2010	Communications; broadcasting; employment contracts for broadcasters; prohibit certain provisions.	Referred to Senate Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 1133 Garcia	02/10/2010	Communications; telecommunications; distribution of emergency 9-1-1 service enabling funds; modify. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4232 Horn	02/10/2009	Communications; telecommunications; disclosure of person paying for automated telephone communication; require. Amends 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.201 - 169.282) by adding sec. 48.	Referred to House Committee on Ethics and Elections.
HB 4247 Mayes	02/11/2009	Communications; video services; dispute resolution process; provide for. Amends sec. 10 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3310).	03/04/2009 Passed House with amendment, 108 Yeas, 0 Nays, given immediate effect; transmitted to Senate; 03/05/2009 Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
HB 4257 Melton 2009 PA 182	02/11/2009	Communications; telecommunications; provision relating to toll access service rates; modify. Amends sec. 310 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2310).	12/17/2009 Signed by Governor Granholm; assigned 2009 PA 182 with immediate effect.
HB 4362 Rocca	02/19/2009	Transportation; school vehicles; use of cellular telephone while operating a school bus; prohibit.	Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
HB 4369 Polidori	02/19/2009	Traffic control; violations; use of mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit, and provide penalties.	Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
HB 4370 Polidori 2010 PA 58	02/19/2009	Traffic control; violations; entry of points for operating a motor vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device; prohibit.	05/04/2009 Signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4394 Gonzales 2010 PA 60	02/24/2009	Traffic control; violations; penalties for operating a motor vehicle while reading, writing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless device; provide for. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	05/04/2009 Signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm.
HB 4451 Smith	02/24/2009	Crimes; other; knowing an individual needs emergency help; require to call 9-1-1. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 499.	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 4576 Barnett	03/12/2009	Communications; other; video service provider; clarify public, education, and government access fee. Amends sec. 6 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3306).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 4833 McMillin	04/29/2009	Libraries; policies and practices; installation of internet filter software on computers; require. Amends sec. 6 of 1982 PA 455 (MCL 397.606).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 4999 Mayes 2009 PA 146	05/26/2009	Traffic control; violations; weight restrictions during frost restriction periods; provide exemption for public utility subcontractors. Amends sec. 722 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.722).	11/19/2009 Enrolled bill approved by Governor Granholm; assigned 2009 PA 146 with immediate effect.
HB 5079 Warren	06/11/2009	Crimes; computer; unauthorized use of internet; remove prohibition and penalty. Amends sec. 540 of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.540).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5102 LeBlanc	06/16/2009	Communications; cellular telephone; termination of cellular telephone contracts by certain active military personnel; allow. Creates new act.	09/10/2009 Passed House, given immediate effect, 104 Yeas, 1 Nay; transmitted to Senate. 9/15/2009 Referred to Senate Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.
HB 5282 Haveman	08/26/2009	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; use of commercial social networking websites by sex offenders; prohibit. Amends 1994 PA 295 (MCL 28.721 - 28.736) by adding sec. 37.	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5378 DeShazor	09/17/2009	Campaign finance; campaign practices; telephonic communications; require disclosure stating who is paying for call.	Referred to House Committee on Ethics and Elections.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5390 Cushingberry	09/17/2009	Property tax; utility property; broadband investment credit; increase and sunset. Amends sec. 13b of 1905 PA 282 (MCL 207.13b) & repeals sec. 13b of 1905 PA 282 (MCL 207.13b).	Referred to House Committee on Tax Policy.
HB 5419 Meadows	09/17/2009	Use tax; collections; definition of interstate telecommunications services; expand to include international services. Amends sec. 3a of 1937 PA 94 (MCL 205.93a).	Referred to House Committee on Tax Policy.
HB 5459 Geiss	09/23/2009	Communications; video services; assessment of public service commission's costs against competitive video service providers; extend sunset. Amends sec. 6 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3306).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 5468 Haveman	09/25/2009	Communications; technology; validity of judgment or order created with an electronic record or signature; clarify. Amends sec. 7 of 2000 PA 305 (MCL 450.837).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5556 Lindberg	10/28/2009	Communications; broadcasting; local zoning restrictions for amateur radio; require to conform to federal regulations. Amends 2006 PA 110 (MCL 125.3101 - 125.3702) by adding sec. 205a.	Referred to House Committee on Intergovernmental and Regional Affairs.
HB 5574 Geiss 2009 PA 191	11/05/2009	Communications; video services; assessment against video service providers for public service commission costs; modify. Amends 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3301 - 484.3314) by adding sec. 15.	12/21/2009 Signed by Governor Granholm; Assigned 2009 PA 191, with immediate effect.
HB 5599 Cushingberry	11/12/2009	Communications; telecommunications; distribution of emergency 9-1-1 service enabling funds; modify. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	09/14/2010 Passed House, 63 Yeas, 44 Nays; 09/15/2010 Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations.
HB 5622 Schuitmaker	12/1/2009	Communications; telecommunications; funding for implementation of an integrated IP-based 9-1-1 mapping system; provide for. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	2/23/2010 House Committee on Energy and Technology reported substitute H-1 with recommendation; referred to second reading.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5750 Miller	01/19/2010	Communications; broadcasting; employment contracts for broadcasters; prohibit certain provisions. Amends sec. 4a of 1984 PA 274 (MCL 445.774a).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5927 Neumann	03/09/2010	Communications; telecommunications; 9-1-1 call centers; require consolidation plans. Amends 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 - 484.1717) by adding sec. 322.	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.
HB 6049 Sheltrown	04/20/2010	Appropriations; other; appropriation of public funds to a professional sports team; prohibit if home sporting event is blacked out in the previous fiscal year. Amends 1984 PA 431 (MCL 18.1101 - 18.1594) by adding sec. 399.	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.
HB 6153 Espinoza	05/11/2010	Appropriations; supplemental; funding for implementation of an IP-based 9-1-1 mapping system; provide for. Creates appropriation act.	05/11/2010 Referred to House Committee on Appropriations; 05/12/2010 Reported with recommendation and without amendment; referred to second reading.
HB 6327 Jones	07/21/2010	Crimes; computer; electronic mail fraud regulatory act; create.	07/21/2010 Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.

Senate Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SCR 041 Kuipers	05/18/2010	A concurrent resolution to memorialize the President, the Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission of the United States to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.	05/19/2010 Adopted; 06/02/2010 House Concurrence Received.

Senate Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SR 160 Patterson	05/18/2010	A resolution to memorialize the President, the Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission of the United States to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.	05/19/2010 Adopted.

House Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HCR 057 Warren	05/14/2010	A resolution to memorialize the President, the Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission of the United States to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.	05/26/2010 Adopted
HR 231 Byrum	03/18/2010	A resolution to urge Google to select Mid-Michigan as a test market community for its proposed super high-speed broadband fiber network.	03/18/2010 Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HR 285 Mayes	05/14/2010	A resolution to memorialize the President, the Congress, and the Federal Communications Commission of the United States to refrain from regulating Internet broadband services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.	05/14/2010 Adopted

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2009 & 2010

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were passed during the current legislative session (2009-2010). 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. Acts passed since the previous edition of the *Michigan Telecommunications Report* are in bold.

Public Act #	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill # and Sponsor
2009 PA 4	04/02/2009	Communications; video services; dispute resolution process; provide for. Amends sec. 10 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3310).	SB 190 Thomas
2009 PA 146	11/19/2009	Traffic control; violations; weight restrictions during frost restriction periods; provide exemption for public utility subcontractors. Amends sec. 722 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.722).	HB 4999 Mayes
2009 PA 182	12/17/2009	Communications; telecommunications; provision relating to toll access service rates; modify. Amends sec. 310 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2310).	HB 4257 Melton
2009 PA 191	12/21/2009	Communications; video services; assessment against video service providers for public service commission costs; modify. Amends 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3301 – 484.3314) by adding sec. 15.	HB 5574 Geiss
2010 PA 58	07/01/2010	Traffic control; violations; entry of points for operating a motor vehicle while sending or receiving a message on an electronic wireless device; prohibit.	HB 4370 Polidori
2010 PA 59	07/01/2010	Traffic control; violations; use of handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit under certain circumstances and permit use of hands-free wireless telephone. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) by adding sec. 602b.	SB 468 Kahn
2010 PA 60	07/01/2010	Traffic control; violations; penalties for operating a motor vehicle while reading, writing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless device; provide for. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	HB 4394 Gonzales

ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.:

Case No. U-13227

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Verizon Wireless and Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13227>

Application filed on August 20, 2010 for approval of the Seventh Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement (replaces the InterMTA percentage with new rate of 1.3%, and adds Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Verizon Wireless Telecom, Inc., as parties to the Interconnection Agreement).

On September 14, 2010 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the Interconnection Agreement Amendment listed above.

Case No. U-16182

Video Franchise - Show Cause

CableMax Communications, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16182>

On September 14, 2010 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Opinion and Order adopting the findings and conclusions contained in the July 22, 2010, Proposal for Decision (“PFD”) issued by State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Sharon Feldman, acting for the Commission (“Commission”) in the matter of the Show Cause proceeding against CableMax Communications, Inc. (“CableMax”). No exceptions to the PFD were filed.

The Commission’s Order finds that CableMax committed thirty (30) violations of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, 2006 PA 480, as amended by 2009 PA 4, MCL 484.3301 *et seq.* (“Video Franchise Act”), and orders CableMax to pay \$15,000.00 in fines and penalties to the State of Michigan. The Commission also ordered CableMax to refund a total of \$3,952.50 to 87 identified customers for cable services not provided no later than 28 days following issuance of this order. If CableMax makes such refunds, the Commission determined it shall be entitled to a \$1,000.00 reduction of the fines and penalties described above. The Commission ordered CableMax to cease and desist providing any video services in the State of Michigan and any existing video franchise agreements in the State of Michigan to which CableMax is a party or beneficiary are hereby rescinded.

On January 11, 2010 the Commission issued a Show Cause Order directing CableMax to show cause why it should not be found in violation of the Video Franchise Act. The Show Cause Order noted that the Commission Staff had received various customer complaints regarding the service from CableMax. The complaints included that 50-100% of services were removed without notification, that attempts to contact the company were unsuccessful, and that customers had paid for services no longer being received. The Show Cause Order further identified seven communities for which CableMax apparently lacked the appropriate franchise.

Case No. U-16282

Lynx Network Group, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16282>

License

On September 14, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the June 8, 2010 Application for a license to Lynx Network Group, LLC to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which AT&T Michigan, Frontier North Inc., f/k/a/Verizon North Inc., and Frontier Midstates Inc., f/k/a Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems are the incumbent local exchange carriers. This license replaces the temporary license issued to Lynx Network Group, LLC by the Commission on August 10, 2010.

Case No. U-16393

U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital Communications

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16393>

License

On September 14, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting a temporary license to U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital Communications to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which Frontier North Inc., f/k/a Verizon North Inc., Frontier Midstates Inc., f/k/a 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 are the incumbent local exchange carriers. This temporary license will expire upon issuance of a final order by the Commission granting or denying U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital Communications’ June 17, 2010 Application for a permanent license.

MINUTE ACTIONS

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Minute Action at its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 14, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.:

Case No. U-14000

AT&T Michigan

Wireless Emergency Service Costs

On September 14, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action approving AT&T Michigan invoice 517 R41-0001 067 9 for the period of March 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010, for wireless emergency service costs of \$130,237.44, recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b) and authorizing reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

Case No. U-16252

Commissions Own Motion

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16252>

Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

On September 14, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action designating the following carriers as eligible telecommunications carriers for the purpose of receiving federal universal service funds to be expended in 2011, consistent with the Federal Communications Commission order in CC Docket No. 96-45, and the rate comparability review criteria set forth in 47 CFR 54.313 and 54.314:

COMPANY	SERVICE AREA CODE
Ace Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310704
Allband Communications Cooperative (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310542
Allendale Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310669
AllTel Communications (Lifeline and High Cost)*	319018
AllTel Communications d/b/a Verizon Wireless (Lifeline and High Cost)*	319010 319019
American Broadband and Telecommunications Company (Lifeline)*	319022
AT&T Michigan (Lifeline)**	315090
Baraga Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310675
Barry County Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310676
Blanchard Telephone Association, Inc. (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310678
Bloomington Telephone Co., Inc. (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310679
Budget PrePay, Inc. (Lifeline)*	319024
Carr Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310683
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310702
CenturyTel of Midwest Michigan d/b/a CenturyLink (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310671
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan d/b/a CenturyLink (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310705
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Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310691
Drenthe Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310692
Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310682
Frontier Midstates, Inc. (Lifeline)**	313033
Frontier North, Inc. (Lifeline)**	310965
Global Connection, Inc. of America (Lifeline)*	Not Yet Assigned
Hiawatha Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310713
Huron Mountain Communications Co. (Lifeline and High Cost)*	Not Yet Assigned
Kaleva Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310703
Lennon Telephone Company (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310708
Michigan Access, Inc. (Lifeline and High Cost)*	Not Yet Assigned
Michigan Central Broadband Company, LLC (Lifeline and High Cost)*	310732
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APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-13175

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and XO Communications Services, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13175>

On September 8, 2010 AT&T Michigan and XO Communications Services, Inc. jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of their Twenty-Second Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Twenty-Second Amendment replaces existing performance measures and remedies provisions in the Interconnection Agreement with an attached new AT&T Midwest Performance Remedy Plan Appendix.

Case No. U-16371

Interconnection Agreement

Ace Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16371>

On September 13, 2010 Ace Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of their Second Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Second Amendment mutually terminates the Interconnection Agreement between Ace Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless’ subsidiary Alltel Communications upon the Commission’s approval of the Second Amendment and agrees to use a default factor of 0% as an estimate for billing for inter-MTA Switched Access Compensation for traffic to and from Alltel OCNs 2281, 2224, and 5818 when actual measurement is not available as of July 1, 2010.

Case No. U-16372

Interconnection Agreement

Barry County Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16372>

On September 13, 2010 Barry County Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of their Second Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Second

Amendment mutually terminates the Interconnection Agreement between Barry County Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless' subsidiary Alltel Communications upon the Commission's approval of the Second Amendment and agrees to use a default factor of 0% as an estimate for billing for inter-MTA Switched Access Compensation for traffic to and from Alltel OCNs 2281, 2224, and 5818 when actual measurement is not available as of July 1, 2010.

Case No. U-16376

Interconnection Agreement

Ogden Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16376>

On September 13, 2010 Ogden Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking approval of their Second Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Second Amendment mutually terminates the Interconnection Agreement between Ogden Telephone Company and Verizon Wireless' subsidiary Alltel Communications upon the Commission's approval of the Second Amendment and agrees to use a default factor of 0% as an estimate for billing for inter-MTA Switched Access Compensation for traffic to and from Alltel OCNs 2281, 2224, and 5818 when actual measurement is not available as of July 1, 2010.

Case No. U-16452

Slamming

Mark Riedy State Farm v Sprint/TNCI

On September 8, 2010 Mark Reidy of Mark Reidy State Farm, of Bellaire, Michigan, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against Sprint and TNCI alleging that Sprint/TNCI switched its long distance service without authorization.

Case No. U-16453

License

Sand Creek Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16453>

On September 9, 2010 Sand Creek Telephone Company filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking to expand the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service to include an area that lies to the west of the current Morenci/Sand Creek Exchange boundary that lies between Sections 9 and 10 of Seneca Township. Specifically, Sand Creek proposes to amend its license to add the following described territory, to which it refers as the "Morenci Area": "The East one-half (E1/2) of Section Nine (9), T 8 S, R 2 E in Seneca Township, Lenawee County, Michigan, being a parcel situate westerly of Seneca Highway, northerly of Packard Road, and situate both northerly and southerly of Brown Road." Frontier Midstates Inc. is currently the incumbent local exchange carrier for this territory.

Case No. U-16455

Interconnection Agreement Arbitration

Deerfield Farmers' Telephone Company, Lennon Telephone Company, Pigeon Telephone Company, and Waldron Telephone Company v MetroPCS Michigan, Inc

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16455>

On September 16, 2010 Deerfield Farmers' Telephone Company, Lennon Telephone Company, Pigeon Telephone Company, and Waldron Telephone Company filed a Petition asking the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") to Arbitrate an Interconnection Agreement with MetroPCS Michigan, Inc. pursuant to Section 252(b)(1) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("Federal Act"), 47 USC 252(b)(1), and the Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA"),

MCL 484.2101 *et seq.* The Petition argues that MetroPCS never responded in any meaningful way to Petitioners' proposed Interconnection Agreements, nor did it provide MECA (the agency negotiating on behalf of the Petitioners) with any counter-proposals to the proposed Interconnection Agreements. The Petition asks the Commission to resolve the single question: "Whether the Parties' Interconnection Agreements should contain the rates, terms and conditions that Petitioners propose in Exhibits 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively, when MetroPCS has not negotiated and has chosen to not respond with its own proposed rates, terms and conditions for interconnection."

MPSC CONSUMER FORUMS |

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will host a series of utility consumer information and assistance forums throughout Michigan in September and October. The forums are designed to give consumers the latest information on electric and natural gas rates for the winter and the status of local and long distance telephone service.

"This year's forums will be bigger and better than ever before," said Commission Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu. "Local utility service providers and assistance organizations will join the MPSC to help customers on site."

One of the Commission's three Commissioners - Chairman Isiogu, Commissioner Monica Martinez, or Commissioner Greg R. White - will be available at each forum to discuss these issues, explain how the Commission makes decisions, and listen to questions and comments regarding utility service.

Following is information on each upcoming forum:

Southfield

Monday, September 20, 1 p.m.

Southfield Senior Center
McDonnell Towers
Dining Room
24350 Civic Center Drive

Sault Ste. Marie

Thursday, September 30, 6 p.m.

Lake Superior State University
Cisler Center
West Superior Room
650 W. Easterday Avenue

Traverse City

Wednesday, October 6, 6 p.m.

Grand Traverse Civic Center
1213 W. Civic Center Drive

Kalamazoo

Tuesday, October 12, 6 p.m.

Kalamazoo Valley Community College
M-TEC Amphitheater
7107 Elm Valley Drive

Greenville

Thursday, October 21, 6 p.m.

Greenville Community Center
900 E. Kent Road

Detroit

Monday, October 25, 4 p.m.

Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
2080 W. Grand Boulevard

Flint

Thursday, October 28, 6 p.m.

University of Michigan – Flint
Northbank Center Ballroom
432 N. Saginaw Street

The forum sites are accessible, including handicapped parking. Persons needing any accommodation to participate should contact Mark Smith at (517) 241-5410 in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

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: <mpscfilecases@michigan.gov>. Any comments should reference the applicable docket number.

The Commission has not issued any Notices of Opportunity to Comment that are pending during the next fortnight.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS |

The following Notices of Hearings 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-16393

License

U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital Communications

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16391>

Public Hearing: Thursday, October 14, at 9:00 a.m.

The June 17, 2010 Application of U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital Communications for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the incumbent service territories of 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 will be heard by the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") at an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2010**, before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan. Parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so by October 12, 2010.

Case No. U-16444

Interconnection Agreement Dispute

B&S Telecom, Inc. v AT&T Michigan

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16444>

Prehearing Conference: Tuesday, September 28, at 10:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will consider the August 26, 2010 Complaint of B&S Telecom against AT&T Michigan alleging various violations of the Michigan Telecommunications Act and requesting that the Commission resolve various disputes at a prehearing conference to be held on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.**, before Administrative Law Judge Mark Cummins at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan. Parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so by September 24, 2010.

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 (SEPTEMBER 20, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2010)

September 28, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-16444/Prehearing Conference
B&S Telecom, Inc. v AT&T Michigan
(Interconnection Agreement Dispute)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

October 14, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-16393/Evidentiary Hearing
U.S. MetroTel, LLC, d/b/a S7 Digital
Communications

November 19, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-16396/Evidentiary Hearing
City of South Haven PSAP v Van Buren County
and Van Buren County Consolidated Dispatch
Center (9-1-1 Funding Dispute)

November 18, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-16396/Evidentiary Hearing
City of South Haven PSAP v Van Buren County
and Van Buren County Consolidated Dispatch
Center (9-1-1 Funding Dispute)

2010 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES* |

<u>Month & Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
September 28, 2010	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
October 14, 2010	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
October 26, 2010	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
November 10, 2010	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
December 7, 2010	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
December 21, 2010	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

* 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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