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MPSC Designates Michigan 2-1-1 as Statewide 2-1-1 Coordinating Agency for 2010-2011

Note: The following Press Release was issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission on March 18, 2010. For additional information contact Judy Palnau at (517) 241-3323.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today designated Michigan 2-1-1 as the statewide 2-1-1 coordinating agency from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011

The abbreviated dialing number 2-1-1 has been assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to enable . . .

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. . . callers to reach community resource and referral answering points.

Michigan 2-1-1 on Feb. 1 provided the MPSC with its annual progress report outlining the current state of 2-1-1 availability in Michigan and funding information.

In today's order, the MPSC notes that 11 counties were approved to receive 2-1-1 abbreviated dialing during 2009, bringing the population served to 80 percent. The remaining counties have begun to take steps toward expanding 2-1-1 service to their areas.

Michigan 2-1-1 was also directed by the MPSC today to file by Feb. 1, 2011 current information on funding, advances made in 2-1-1 availability in Michigan, a 2011 business plan, and any changes from its original application.

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

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2009 & 2010 LEGISLATION |

The following list of telecommunications bills have been introduced during the current legislative session (2009-2010). 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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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	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. Tie-Bar to SB 402.	03/18/2010 Substitute H-1 Reported with recommendation by House Committee on Transportation; referred to second reading in House.
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.
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	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.	03/18/2010 Substitute S-2 reported with recommendation by Senate Committee of the Whole; Substitute S-2 Concurred in by Senate; referred to third reading in Senate.
HB 4394 Gonzales	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.	03/18/2010 Substitute S-5 reported with recommendation by Senate Committee of the Whole; Substitute S-5 Concurred in by Senate; referred to third reading in Senate.
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.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
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.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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).	Referred to House 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.
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.

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

ORDERS ISSUED BY MPSC |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on March 18, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.:

Case No. U-14725

2-1-1

Commission's Own Motion

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=14725>

On March 18, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order designating Michigan 2-1-1 as the statewide 2-1-1 coordinating agency from April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011. The Commission had previously designated Michigan 2-1-1 to serve as the statewide 2-1-1 coordinating agency for two one year periods until March 31, 2009 pursuant to MCL 484.2214(5). The abbreviated dialing number 2-1-1 has been assigned by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) to enable callers to reach community resource and referral answering points. The Commission’s order requires Michigan 2-1-1 to file current information on funding, advances made in 2-1-1 availability in Michigan, a revised, five-year 2011 Business Plan, and any changes from its original application no later than February 1, 2011.

Case No. U-15966
Virgin Mobile USA, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15966>

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

On March 18, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the February 16, 2010 Application of Virgin Mobile USA, LLC requesting an Amendment or, in the Alternative, Replacement of its Existing Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”), which was issued by the Commission on December 1, 2009. The Commission’s Order designates Virgin Mobile USA as a facilities-based ETC pursuant to 47 USC 214(e)(1)(A) and expands Virgin Mobile USA’s Lifeline service to additional rate centers specified in the Application.

Case No. U-16133
Global Connection Inc. of America
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16133>

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

On March 18, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the November 17, 2009 Application of Global Connection Inc. of America requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for purposes of universal service fund (“USF”) support in the wire centers specified in the Second Revised Appendix B to the Application, filed by Global Connection on March 3, 2010.

Case No. U-16136
Budget Prepay, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16136>

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

On March 18, 2010, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the November 17, 2009 Application of Budget Prepay, Inc. requesting designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for purposes of universal service fund (“USF”) lifeline/linkup support in the wire centers specified in the Application.

Case No. U-16127
LifeConnex Telecom, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16127>

License

On March 18, 2009, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting a temporary 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, and AT&T Michigan to LifeConnex Telecom, LLC. The temporary license will expire upon the Commission’s issuance of a final order granting or denying LifeConnex Telecom, LLC’s January 28, 2009 Application and February 3, 2010 Amended Application for a permanent license.

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION |

Case No. U-16082

Interconnection Dispute

Lucre, 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=16082>

On March 15, 2010 State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules Administrative Law Judge Barbara A. Stump (“ALJ”) issued a Proposal for Decision (“PFD”) for the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the matter of the September 4, 2009 complaint of Lucre, Inc. against Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems (collectively “Verizon”). In its complaint, Lucre had sought payment from Verizon for its proportional use of certain dedicated transmission facilities that Lucre purchased from AT&T Michigan.

According to the PFD the Complaint was brought pursuant to an Interconnection Agreement between Lucre and Verizon. On June 5, 2001, in Case No. U-12902 the Commission approved Lucre’s adoption of the Interconnection Agreement between BRE Communications, LLC d/b/a Phone Michigan and Verizon. The underlying Interconnection Agreement was an arbitrated Interconnection Agreement. The arbitration did not address any obligation by Verizon to pay for its proportional use of transport facilities provided by BRE. As a result, the PFD notes that “the BRE [Interconnection Agreement] does not contain any provisions obligating Verizon to pay such charges” as Lucre had sought in the Complaint.

The PFD notes that on March 2, 2006, Lucre filed a formal complaint with the Commission in Case No. U-14806, seeking to require Verizon to pay for its proportional use of the same facilities at issue in this case. The Commission on March 7, 2006 informed Lucre that its complaint was rejected, “because it did not contain a statement of the authority relied upon for the Commission to grant such a lease and, moreover, ‘it appears that a more appropriate vehicle for seeking to change an existing Interconnection Agreement would be to follow the negotiation and arbitration provisions of 47 USC § 51, rather than file a complaint.’” Lucre did not follow the negotiation and arbitration provision contained in the Federal Telecommunications Act but, rather, filed a demand for arbitration before the American Arbitration Association pursuant to the existing Interconnection Agreement. That arbitration panel found in favor of Verizon on all of Lucre’s claims. The ALJ found that Lucre’s position was attempting to re-litigate a point that should have been raised in the initial Interconnection Agreement arbitration. Because Lucre is not satisfied with its existing Interconnection Agreement, a complaint before the Commission is not the proper vehicle to change such an agreement. Further, the ALJ agreed with the Commission Staff that any determination would be retroactive relief and “would set a questionable precedent because other carriers might also ask the Commission to rescue them from what they subsequently perceive to be bad agreement.” The ALJ found that the relations between Lucre and Verizon are governed by their Interconnection Agreement. Pursuant to that agreement Verizon does not have any obligation to pay Lucre for facility charges that Lucre owes AT&T Michigan. The ALJ recommends that the Commission dismiss the complaint with prejudice, and that if Lucre would like different terms, Lucre should pursue a new Interconnection Agreement with Verizon.

Any party wishing to file Exceptions to the Proposal for Decision must do so on or before Monday, March 29, 2010. Replies to Exceptions, if any, are due on or before April 8, 2010.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Case No. U-11596

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Qwest Communications Company, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=11596>

On March 16, 2010, AT&T Michigan and Qwest Communications Company, LLC jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of the Fourth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Fourth Amendment adds Cageless Collocation Terms and Conditions into the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-16232

Consumer Complaint: Unauthorized Charges

Midwest Energy Cooperative v Verizon Select Services

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16226>

On March 9, 2010, Midwest Energy Cooperative, of Cassopolis, Michigan, filed a formal Amended Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against Verizon Select Services. The Complaint alleges that Verizon Select Services continued to charge Midwest Energy Cooperative for T-1 Voice Lines after such service had been cancelled.

Case No. U-16236

License

Drenthe Telecom, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16236>

On March 8, 2010, Drenthe Telecom, LLC filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a temporary and a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in the seven exchanges currently served by Drenthe Telephone Company (Drenthe; Holland; Zeeland; Hudsonville; Jamestown; Hamilton; and Borculo). According to the Application, Drenthe Telephone Company will transfer the assets currently used by Drenthe Telephone Company in providing Primary Basic Local Exchange Service to Drenthe Telecom (along with its ILEC status). Upon such transfer: (i) Drenthe Telephone Company will surrender its license to provide regulated service; (ii) Drenthe Telecom will (in lieu of and as a substitute for Drenthe Telephone Company) offer to provide basic local exchange service to residential and business customers, including providing Primary Basic Local Exchange Service to residential customers in the Exchanges; and (iii) the service Drenthe Telephone Company previously provided will not be discontinued but will continue to be provided by Drenthe Telecom. Drenthe Telecom, LLC is a Michigan limited liability company with its principal offices located in Zeeland, Michigan.

Case No. U-16237

Consumer Complaint: Unauthorized Charges

Jose Hernansaiz v AT&T Michigan

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16226>

On March 8, 2010, Jose Hernansaiz, of Livonia, Michigan, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against AT&T Michigan. Mr. Hernansaiz’ Complaint alleges that AT&T Michigan charged him for toll calls to Ypsilanti and Royal Oak, Michigan, which were not made from his phone.

Case No. U-16238

Interconnection Agreement

Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems and CynergyComm.net, Inc.<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16238>

On March 11, 2010, Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems and CynergyComm.net, Inc. jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of an Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement is an adoption, pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i), of the Interconnection Agreement by and between TelNet Worldwide, Inc. and Verizon, previously approved by the Commission in MPSC Case No. U-16027.

Case No. U-16239

Interconnection Agreement

Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems and JAS Networks, Inc.<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16239>

On March 11, 2010, Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems and JAS Networks, Inc. jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of an Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement is an adoption, pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i), of the Interconnection Agreement by and between TC3 Telecom, Inc. and Verizon, previously approved by the Commission in MPSC Case No. U-16021.

Case No. U-16240

License

tw telecom data services llc<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16240>

On March 11, 2010, tw telecom data services llc filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting a temporary and a permanent 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, and AT&T Michigan. According to the Application, tw telecom data services llc is a Delaware limited liability company headquartered in Littleton, Colorado.

Case No. U-16242

Consumer Complaint: Unauthorized Charges

Insurance Institute of Michigan v AT&T Michigan<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16226>

On March 8, 2010, Insurance Institute of Michigan, of Lansing, Michigan, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against AT&T Michigan. The Complaint alleges that AT&T Michigan overcharged Insurance Institute of Michigan for services and continued to charge for service after Insurance Institute of Michigan switched to another carrier.

On March 16, 2010, Michigan Central Broadband Company and Sprint Spectrum, L.P. and Nextel West Corp. jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

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.

There are presently no known Telecommunications
Notices of Opportunity to Comment pending
before the Michigan Public Service Commission

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-16182

Video Franchise - Show Cause

CableMax Communications

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

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) will hold a public hearing regarding possible violations of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act by CableMax Communications on **Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**, before Administrative Law Judge Sharon L. Feldman at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan. On January 11, 2010, the Commission issued an Order directing CableMax Communications to show cause why it should not be found in violation of the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, 2006 PA 480, as amended, MCL 484.3301 *et seq.*

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
(MARCH 22, 2010 THROUGH APRIL 2, 2010)

There are no known telecommunications hearings scheduled before the Michigan Public Service Commission during the next fortnight.

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

April 6, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
 Case No. U-16182/Prehearing Conference
 CableMax Communications (video franchise show cause)

May 17, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
 Case No. U-16181/Evidentiary Hearing
 Pine River Cable (video franchise show cause)

April 15, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
 Case No. U-16195/Prehearing Conference
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