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FEATURES

Note: the House Republican Communications Services issued the following press release on Nov. 3, 2005.

Legislature Approves Update to Michigan Telecommunications Act

Nofs says plan will protect consumers, seniors and fuel job creation, investment in Michigan

The state House and Senate today overwhelmingly approved the final version of House Bill 5237, the update to the Michigan Telecommunications Act. The bill was sponsored by state Rep. Mike Nofs, chair of the House Energy and Technology Committee.

“I am pleased by the tremendous bipartisan support my colleagues in the House and Senate showed in approving this critical piece of legislation,” said Nofs, R-Battle Creek. “This bill recognizes the changing nature of the telecommunications industry and helps set the stage for increased competition and investment in Michigan while maintaining important protections for consumers.”

The legislation maintains the Michigan Public Service Commission’s role in protecting the rights of consumers and provides for continued regulation of single-line, basic phone service for those customers wishing to maintain low-cost, no-frills phone service. The commission will oversee a rate floor and ceiling on the basic service, thereby protecting consumers from rate spikes and the potential for predatory pricing.

The legislation also looks to spur increased competition and the introduction of advanced telecommunications technologies by lifting regulations on extra services such as call waiting, call forwarding and voicemail.

“This legislation is good for consumers and good for business,” Nofs said. “I believe it provides a solid framework for Michigan to once again showcase its leadership in the area of telecommunications policy. Private sector innovation and investment is critical to helping get Michigan’s economy moving again.”

State Rep. John Proos, vice chair of the House Energy and Technology Committee, worked closely with Nofs on the bill.

“Our goal from the beginning has been to balance industry and consumer needs with our goals of improving the economic conditions of our state and making Michigan a more attractive place to do business,” said Proos, R-St. Joseph. “A critical component of a successful business climate is a viable telecommunications industry. We need broadband capabilities in order to achieve our business goals as a state.”

HB 5237 also:

- Doubles the number of calls allowed under the basic, regulated plan at the current rate;
- Maintains access to copper telephone lines for competing telecommunications companies;
- Maintains MPSC jurisdiction over quality of service matters and prohibitions against slamming, cramming and other unfair business practices;
- Requires greater use of mediation and alternative methods to speed the resolution of disputes;
- Provides for the ownership and operation of municipal and publicly owned telecommunications systems provided certain conditions are met;
- Requires that companies provide a good-faith estimate of all charges, taxes and fees so that they can better estimate what their actual bill will be; and
- Maintains provisions for Lifeline telephone service for low-income

residents.

Frank Accavitti, a member of the House Energy and Technology Committee, also has been working closely with Nofs and Proos, and said he is pleased about the bipartisan work fueling the legislation.

“I am glad to have taken part in this bipartisan effort,” said Accavitti, D-Eastpointe. “It was critical that we included consumer protections into this bill. This legislation makes Michigan a place where business competition can grow, and the consumers will ultimately reap the benefits of this growth.”

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Note: the following press release was issued by the Federal Communications Commission on October 31, 2005

FCC APPROVES SBC/AT&T AND VERIZON/MCI MERGERS

Transactions Offer Significant Public Interest Benefits

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today approved the mergers of SBC Communications Inc. with AT&T Corp. and Verizon Communications Inc. with MCI, Inc.

The Commission concluded that consumers will reap the rewards of the public interest benefits that will flow from these mergers. These benefits include integration of complementary networks, which will increase efficiency and provide consumers with new services and improved network performance and reliability. The mergers will create stable, reliable U.S.-owned companies that will provide improved service to government customers and benefit national defense and homeland security. In addition, the mergers will give the companies

increased economies of scale and scope, which should increase their incentives and resources to engage in basic research and development. Finally, the mergers should result in substantial cost savings, which should benefit consumers throughout the country.

The Commission’s analysis of the competitive effects of the mergers focused on six key services. They are:

- **Special access competition:** The Commission found that, in a limited number of buildings where AT&T (in SBC’s territory) and MCI (in Verizon’s territory) is the only competitive carrier with direct connections, the mergers could have an anticompetitive effect on wholesale special access services that are provided entirely over a single carrier’s facilities. The Commission found, however, that the Consent Decrees entered into on Oct. 27 between the U. S. Department of Justice and the applicants adequately address this potential harm. The Commission further found that the mergers are not likely to result in anticompetitive effects with respect to other special access services that combine one carrier’s own facilities with those of another.
- **Retail enterprise competition:** The Commission found that the mergers are not likely to result in anticompetitive effects for medium and large enterprise customers because these customers are sophisticated, high-volume purchasers of communications services and because a significant number of carriers will continue to compete in the market.

- **Mass market competition:** The Commission found that the mergers are not likely to result in anticompetitive effects for mass market customers because AT&T has ceased marketing those services and is gradually withdrawing from that market, while MCI has significantly reduced its marketing. The Commission further found that facilities-based intermodal competition, including cable VoIP and wireless services, is growing rapidly and will play an increasingly important role with respect to future mass market competition.
- **Internet backbone competition:** The Commission found that the mergers are not likely to result in anticompetitive effects in the Internet backbone market. It found that the mergers are not likely to cause the Internet to tip into monopoly or duopoly, or to give the merged entities the incentive or ability to tip the market to monopoly, increase prices to supra-competitive levels, or reduce service quality.
- **Wholesale interexchange (long distance) competition:** The Commission found that the market is likely to remain competitive after the mergers, due primarily to the presence of numerous competitive nationwide fiber networks with excess capacity.
- **International competition:** The Commission found that the mergers are not likely to result in anticompetitive effects for mass

market, enterprise or global telecommunications customers.

- **Public Interest Benefits.** Among the many public interest benefits, the Commission specifically recognized the applicants' progress implementing the Commission's VoIP 911 requirements for interconnected VoIP providers.

The Commission also adopted in the Order **as enforceable conditions** certain voluntary commitments made by the applicants.

- The applicants committed not to seek an increase in state-approved rates for unbundled network elements (UNEs) for two years (except for rates that are subject to current appeals in specific states).
- The applicants committed to a one-time recalculation to exclude fiber-based collocation arrangements established by AT&T in SBC's region and MCI in Verizon's region in identifying wire centers in which SBC or Verizon claims there is no impairment pursuant to the UNE triggers in the Triennial Review Remand Order so that dedicated transport and/or high-capacity loops need not be unbundled.
- The applicants committed to implement a "Service Quality Measurement Plan," which will provide the Commission with quarterly performance results for interstate special access services. This commitment will terminate the earlier of 30 months and 45 days after the beginning of the first full quarter following the closing of the mergers, or the effective date of a Commission

order adopting general special access performance measurement requirements.

- The applicants committed, for 30 months, not to increase the rates paid by existing in-region customers of AT&T in SBC's region or MCI in Verizon's region for wholesale DS1 and DS3 local private line services.
 - SBC/AT&T and Verizon/MCI committed, for a period of 30 months, not to provide special access services to themselves, their interexchange affiliates, or each other or their affiliates, that are not generally available to other similarly situated customers.
 - The applicants committed that for a period of 30 months, before they provide new or modified contract tariffed service to their own section 272(a) affiliate(s), they will certify to the Commission that they provide service pursuant to those contract tariffs to unaffiliated customers other than each other or their wireline affiliates.
 - The applicants committed for a period of 30 months not to increase rates set forth in SBC's and Verizon's interstate tariffs for special access services, including contract tariffs, that they provide in their in-region territory that are on file with the Commission on the Merger Closing Dates.
 - The applicants committed, for a period of three years, to maintain settlement-free peering arrangements with at least as many providers of Internet backbone services as they did in combination on the Merger Closing Dates.
 - The applicants committed for a period of two years to post their peering policies on publicly accessible websites. During this two-year period, the applicants will post any revisions to their peering policies on a timely basis as they occur.
 - SBC/AT&T acknowledged: (1) that the merger does not change carrier of last resort obligations imposed by the State of Alaska on interexchange services provided by Alascom; (2) that the merger will not alter statutory and regulatory geographic rate averaging and rate integration rules that apply on the merger closing date to Alascom; and (3) after the merger closing date, they will operate Alascom as a distinct, though not structurally separate, corporate entity.
 - The applicants committed to provide, within 12 months of the Merger Closing Dates, DSL service to in-region customers without requiring them to also purchase circuit-switched voice telephone service. The companies will make the offering for two years from the time it is made available in a particular state.
 - The applicants committed for a period of two years to conduct business in a way that comports with the Commission's Internet policy statement issued in September.
 - Finally, the applicants committed to file annual certifications that
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they are complying with these enforceable commitments.

Action by the Commission October 31, 2005, by Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 05-183). Chairman Martin and Commissioner Abernathy, with Commissioners Copps and Adelstein concurring. Separate statements issued by Chairman Martin, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein.

SBC/AT&T Docket No.: 05-65

Action by the Commission October 31, 2005, by Memorandum Opinion and Order (FCC 05-184). Chairman Martin and Commissioner Abernathy, with Commissioners Copps and Adelstein

concurring. Separate statements issued by Chairman Martin, Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, and Adelstein.

Verizon/MCI Docket No. 05-75

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PENDING LEGISLATION

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

Senate Bill # Senator	Date Introduced	Description	Status
SB 48 Johnson	1/25/05	State; authorities; issuance of bonds for equipment associated with telecommunications on the campuses of Michigan institutions of higher education with lease options back to the institutions and the state; provide for. Amends sec. 7 of 1964 PA 183 (MCL 830.417).	To Senate Committee on Appropriations
SB 58 Cherry	1/25/05	Communications; telecommunications; 9-1-1 system to pinpoint caller location; provide for. Amends 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 – 484.1717) by adding sec. 408a	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy

SB 127 Hardiman	2/1/05	Communications; cellular telephone; customer consent to list numbers in a cell phone directory; require. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2701) by adding sec. 360a.	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 221 McManus	2/17/05	Income tax; credit; tax credit for placement of a cell phone tower on an individual's property located in an underserved area; provide for. Amends 1967 PA 281 (MCL 206.1 - 206.532) by adding sec. 262.	5/25/05 passed Senate with Sub S-2, yeas 27, nays 9, excused 2, not voting 0; 5/25/05 referred to 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.	To Senate Committee on Technology and Energy
SB 551 Patterson	5/21/05	Communications; telecommunications; rule making and eliminate sunset of the Michigan telecommunications act; provide for. Repeals enacting section 1, rulemaking provision, of 2004 PA 591.	6/28/05 passed House, yeas 106, nays 1; 6/30 given immediate effect and ordered enrolled;
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).	6/16 referred 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
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 House 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 House Committee on Technology and Energy
SCR 0021 Patterson	5/18/05	A concurrent resolution to urge the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to use its authority post haste 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 # Representative	Date Introduced	Description	Status
HB 4050 Lemmons III	1/27/05	Corrections; state facilities; telephone system for state correctional facilities; impose requirements. Amends 1953 PA 232, entitled "Corrections code of 1953," (MCL 791.201 to 791.283) by adding section 69b.	To House Committee on Judiciary
HB 4052 Lemmons III	1/27/05	Trade; consumer goods and services; sale of cellular telephones and pagers to a minor; require written parental consent. A bill to prohibit the sale of cellular telephones and pagers to certain minors without written parental consent; and to prescribe civil sanctions.	To House Committee on Judiciary
HB 4067 Schuitmaker	1/27/05	Communications; telecommunications; requirement for timely transfer of customers from 1 provider to another; provide for. A bill to amend 1991 PA 179, entitled "Michigan telecommunications act," (MCL 484.2101 to 484.2701) by adding section 364.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology

HB 4397 Sak	2/23/05	Communications; telecommunications; cell phone numbers listed with directory assistance; provide for. Amends sec. 309 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2309).	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4423 Wojno	3/1/05	Prohibits telemarketers from leaving certain messages requesting consumers to return call. Am. Sec. 1c, PA 227, 1971 (MCL 445.111c) as added by PA 612, 2002.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4563 Garfield	3/24/05	A bill to repeal 2002 PA 49, entitled "Michigan broadband development authority act," (MCL 484.3201 to 484.3225).	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
HB 4600 Drolet	4/13/05	Communications; telecommunications; regulation of telecommunications industry; eliminate. Creates new act entitled the "communications act" to be effective 01/01/06. A bill to promote deployment of and investment in communications services in this state; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state agencies and officials.	To House Committee on Energy and Technology
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 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 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 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; given immediate effect; Roll Call # 524 Yeas 78 Nays 27; 10/25/05 referred to House Committee on Technology and Energy

HB 5237 Nofs	9/27/05	Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for. Amends secs. 101, 102, 103, 201, 202, 203, 203a, 204, 205, 209, 210, 211, 213, 214, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 309, 309a, 310, 312, 314a, 315, 316a, 317, 318, 320, 321, 322, 351, 352, 353, 355, 357, 358, 359, 401, 502, 503, 504, 505 & 604 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 et seq.); adds sec. 252 & repeals (See bill).	11/3/05 passed Senate with amendments, given immediate effect; Roll Call # 546; yeas 38, nays 0, excused 0, not voting 0; House concurred in Senate amendment(s); Roll Call # 565 Yeas 96 Nays 6; bill ordered enrolled
HB 5272 Elsenheimer	10/06/05	Communications; telecommunications; disclosure of early termination fees or penalties; require.	To Committee on Energy and Technology

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2005

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	6/30/2005	Communications; telecommunications; rule making and eliminate sunset of the Michigan telecommunications act; provide for. Repeals enacting section 1 of 2004 PA 591.	SB 551 Patterson
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).	SB 522 McManus

ORDERS

Note: No MPSC orders were issued during the last two-week period.

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NOTICES OF HEARING

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

Case No. U-14475
Phone Express Michigan, Inc
(license)

On April 6, 2005, Phone Express Michigan, Inc. (Phone Express) applied for a license to provide basic local exchange service in the zone and exchange areas throughout the Lower Peninsula LATA presently served by Ameritech Michigan, Verizon North Incorporated, and Verizon North Systems. On August 15, 2005, Attorney Gary L. Field filed an amended application on behalf of Phone Express requesting both a temporary and permanent license for the company. The amended application also clarifies the geographic areas for which Phone Express is seeking to provide basic local exchange service. The Michigan Public Service Commission has set the evidentiary hearing for **9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2005**. Interventions are due on or before **November 4, 2005**.

Case No. U-14634
Vilaire Communications
(license)

The September 14, 2005 application of Vilaire Communications, for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North Incorporated, Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems and SBC Michigan, has been set by the Michigan Public Service Commission for an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on November 22, 2005**. Interventions are due on or before **November 18, 2005**.

Case No. U-14639
Airdis, LLC d/b/a Airdis Telecom
(license)

The September 22, 2005 application of Airdis, LLC d/b/a Airdis Telecom, for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North Incorporated, Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest – Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., and SBC Michigan, has been set by the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2005**. Interventions are due on or before **November 28, 2005**.

Case No. U-14641
Judith Ann & Michael Hansel v Global Crossing Telemanagement
(consumer complaint: slamming)

On September 22, 2005 Judith Ann & Michael Hansel (Complainants) filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against Global Crossing Telemanagement, Inc. (Global Crossing). Complainants allege that Global Crossing is in violation of Sections 502 and 505 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) for unlawfully switching their

phone service without receiving prior authorization, and for providing false, misleading and deceptive statements regarding rates, terms and conditions for the provision of telephone service. The Complainants are asking for reimbursement of expenses totaling \$170.00, and the imposition of fines. The Commission will consider the complaint at a public hearing to be held at **9:00 a.m. on November 9, 2005.**

Case No. U-14642
Brenda Sweeney v AT&T Communications of Michigan Inc
(consumer complaint: unauthorized charges)

On September 22, 2005, Brenda Sweeney (Complainant) filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against AT&T Communications of Michigan, Inc. (AT&T). Complainant alleges that AT&T is in violation of Section 502 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA) for unauthorized charges totaling \$646.55. The Complainant is asking for reimbursement, the imposition of fines, and the entry of a Cease and Desist Order in accordance with Section 601 of the MTA. The Commission will consider the complaint at a public hearing to be held at **9:00 a.m. on November 17, 2005.**

Case No. U-14646
Comtel Telecom Assets LP
(license)

On September 27, 2005 Comtel Telecom Assets LP (Comtel) filed an application, and on October 20, 2005, Comtel filed an amended application, for a license to provide basic local exchange service in the areas served by SBC-Ameritech Michigan, Verizon North Incorporated and Verizon North Systems. The Michigan Public Service Commission has set this matter for an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on December 8, 2005.** Interventions are due on or before **December 5, 2005.**

Case No. U-14653
PAC-West Telecomm, Inc
(license)

The October 6, 2005 application of PAC-West Telecomm, Inc., for a license to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services throughout the State of Michigan, was set by the Michigan Public Service Commission for an evidentiary hearing at **9:00 a.m. on December 6, 2005.** Interventions are due on or before **December 1, 2005.**

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PSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE

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

Hearings Scheduled for Last Week (October 24 - 28, 2005)

none scheduled

Hearings Scheduled for This Week (October 31 – November 4, 2005)

Nov. 3, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14558/evidentiary hearing
Gallagher v Level 3 Communications (slamming)

Future Hearings Scheduled

Nov. 8, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14475/evidentiary hearing
Phone Express Michigan (license)

Dec. 1, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14639/evidentiary hearing
Airdis Telecom (license)

Nov. 9, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14641/evidentiary hearing
Hansel v Global Crossing Telemanagement (slamming)

Dec. 6, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14653/evidentiary hearing
PAC-West Telecomm (license)

November 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14642/public hearing
Sweeney v AT&T (unauthorized charges)

Dec. 8, 2005, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14646/evidentiary hearing
Comtel Tel com Assets (license)

Nov. 22, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-14634/evidentiary hearing
Vilaire Communications (license)

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS

Case No. U-13272 CenturyTel Solutions LLC and SBC Michigan (interconnection agreement)

On October 24, 2005 CenturyTel Solutions LLC and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of the Seventh Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Seventh Amendment incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Loop and Transport Rate Increases and Embedded Base Transition pursuant to and set forth in the FCC's TRO Remand Order, effective March 11, 2005.

Case No. U-13642 ALLTEL Communications Inc and Verizon North Inc and Contel of the South Inc, d/b/a Verizon North Systems (interconnection agreement)

On October 18, 2005 ALLTEL Communications, Inc. and Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of their voluntarily negotiated Interconnection Agreement, which is effective until September 15, 2007.

Case No. U-13710
Trinsic Communications Inc and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On November 1, 2005 Trinsic Communications, Inc. and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of the Seventh Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Seventh Amendment adds superseding certain Intercarrier Compensation Provisions into the Agreement.

Case No. U-13770
DayStarr LLC and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South Inc,
d/b/a Verizon North Systems
(interconnection agreement)

On November 1, 2005 DayStarr LLC, d/b/a DayStarr Communications 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 their Interconnection Agreement and the First Amendment.

Case No. U-13985
Global Connection Inc of America and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On November 1, 2005 Global Connection, Inc. of America and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of the TRO/TRRO Amendment (the Third Amendment) to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the amendment incorporates into the Agreement the terms and conditions mandated by the Commission in its Order issued September 20, 2005 in Case No. U-14447 (TRO/TRRO Order).

Case No. U-13986
Coast to Coast Telecommunications Inc and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On November 1, 2005 Coast to Coast Telecommunications, Inc. and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of the Ninth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Ninth Amendment further extends the term of their Reciprocal Compensation Settlement Amendment.

Case No. U-14278
CenturyTel Acquisition LLC and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On October 21, 2005 CenturyTel Acquisition LLC and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Fourteenth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Fifteenth Amendment incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Loop and Transport Rate Increases and Embedded Base Transition pursuant to and as set forth in the FCC's TRO Remand Order, effective March 11, 2005.

On October 21, 2005 CenturyTel Acquisition LLC and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Fifteenth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Fifteenth Amendment incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Mass market Unbundled Local Switching Rate Increases and Embedded Base Transition pursuant to and as set forth in the FCC's TRO Remand Order, effective March 11, 2005.

Case No. U-14412
CenturyTel Fiber Co II LLC and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On October 24, 2005 CenturyTel Fiber Company, LLC, d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyTel Company, and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of the Second Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Second Amendment incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Loop and Transport Rate Increases and Embedded Base Transition pursuant to and as set forth in the FCC's TRO Remand Order, effective March 11, 2005.

On October 24, 2005 CenturyTel Fiber Company, LLC, d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyTel Company, and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of the Third Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. The parties state that the Second Amendment incorporates certain rates, terms and conditions pertaining to Mass Market Unbundled Local Switching Rate Increases and Embedded Base Transition pursuant to and as set forth in the FCC's TRO Remand Order, effective March 11, 2005.

Case No. U-14654
Charter Fiberlink-Michigan LLC and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On October 18, 2005 Charter Fiberlink-Michigan LLC and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") for approval of their Interconnection Agreement executed September 28, 2005. The parties state that Charter Fiberlink-Michigan LLC requested the adoption of the interconnection agreement dated May 20, 2002 between Comcast Phone of Michigan LLC and SBC Michigan that was approved by the Commission on July 10, 2002 in Case No. U-13378.

Case No. U-14665
1-800 Reconex Inc and Chatham Telephone Co, Communication Corp of Michigan,
Island Telephone Co, Shiawassee Telephone Co, and Wolverine Telephone Co
(interconnection agreement)

On October 20, 2005 1-800-Reconex, Inc., d/b/a USTel, and Chatham Telephone Company, Communication Corporation of Michigan, Island Telephone Company, Shiawassee Telephone Company, and Wolverine Telephone Company (collectively, the "TDS Companies") jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval of their voluntarily negotiated Mutual Traffic Exchange Agreement.

Case No. U-14673
Vickie Boyne v MCI
(consumer complaint: slamming)

On October 24, 2005 Vickie Boyne (“Complainant”), of Deford, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against MCI, alleging that her telephone service was switched without her authorization.

Case No. U-14674
Capitol Transport LLC v SBC Michigan
(consumer complaint: improper charges)

On October 24, 2005 Capitol Transport LLC (“Complainant”), of Lansing, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) alleging that SBC Michigan improperly assessed toll rates for certain telephone calls that had been discontinued.

Case No. U-14675
Quality Telephone Inc
(license)

On October 27, 2005 Quality Telephone, Inc. applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., and SBC Michigan. Quality Telephone, Inc. states that it is a Texas corporation located in Dallas, Texas.

Case No. U-14678
Ace Telephone Co et al.
(petition for arbitration of interconnection agreement with Verizon Wireless)

On October 31, 2005 Ace Telephone Company, Barry County Telephone Company, Deerfield Farmers’ Telephone Company, Kaleva Telephone Company, Lennon Telephone Company, Ogden Telephone Company, Pigeon Telephone Company, the Upper Peninsula Telephone Company, and Waldron Telephone Company jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for arbitration of interconnection rates, terms, and conditions and related arrangements with Verizon Wireless.

Case No. U-14679
Sunset Coast Paging and SBC Michigan
(interconnection agreement)

On November 1, 2005 Sunset Coast Paging and SBC Michigan jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of their Paging Facilities Agreement, executed as of October 19, 2005.

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Case No. U-14643

T2 Communications, LLC

(license)

On September 27, 2005, T2 Communications, LLC (T2) filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission for approval to amend the geographic area of its license to provide basic local exchange service. T2 requests authority to serve all zones and exchange areas currently served by Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems in the state of Michigan. T2 shall issue notice of its request by October 25, 2005. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2005.**

Case No. U-14651

Climax Telephone Company

(rate increases)

On October 13, 2005, Climax Telephone Company (“Climax”) filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of certain rate increases for basic local exchange service. The Commission directs Climax to issue a notice of opportunity to comment in accordance with the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, as amended. The Commission further directs that written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2005.**

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2005 REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DATES*

Note: the MPSC has changed the date of the November regular meeting to Nov. 10, 2005 at 1:30 pm

Month & Date	Day	Time
November 10	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
December 20	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

*The MPSC may schedule special meetings, as needed, on 18 hours’ notice.

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