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Legislative Committees

The Michigan House and Senate have named the Committee members who will be most likely to review and consider telecommunications legislation over the next two years. In the Senate, it is anticipated that telecommunications legislation will be referred to the Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee. In the House of Representatives, it is anticipated that telecommunications legislation will be referred to the Energy and Technology Committee.

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The following Senators have been named members of the Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies Committee:

Senator	Party	Dist.	Hometown	Telephone all area code (517)	E-Mail
Cameron Brown – Chair	R	16	Fawn River Township	373-5932	SenCBrown@senate.michigan.gov
Valde Garcia – Vice Chair	R	22	Howell	373-2420	SenVGarcia@senate.michigan.gov
Hansen Clark – Minority Vice Chair	D	1	Detroit	373-7346	SenHansenClarke@senate.michigan.gov
Dennis Olshove	D	9	Warren	373-8360	SenDOlshove@senate.michigan.gov
John Pappageorge	R	13		373-2523	SenJPappageorge@senate.michigan.gov
Randy Richardville	R	17	Monroe	373-3543	SenRRichardville@senate.michigan.gov
Samuel Buzz Thomas, III	D	4	Detroit	373-7918	SenBThomas@senate.michigan.gov

The following Representatives have been named members of the Energy and Technology Committee:

Representative	Party	Dist.	Hometown	Telephone all area code (517)	E-Mail
Frank Accavitti, Jr. – Chair	D	42	Eastpoint	373-0854	frankaccavitti@house.mi.gov
Jeff Mayes – Vice Chair	D	96	Bay City	373-0158	jeffmayes@house.mi.gov
Mike Nofs – Minority Vice Chair	R	62	Battle Creek	373-0555	mikenofs@house.mi.gov
Kathy Angerer	D	55	Dundee	373-1792	kathyangerer@house.mi.gov
Terry Brown	D	84	Pigeon	373-0476	terrybrown@house.mi.gov
Ed Clemente	D	14	Lincoln Park	373-0140	edclemente@house.mi.gov
Kate Elbi	D	56	Frenchtown	373-2617	KateEbli@house.mi.gov
John Garfield	R	45	Rochester Hills	373-1773	johngarfield@house.mi.gov
Ted Hammon	D	50	Burton	373-3906	tedhammon@house.mi.gov
Hoon-Yung Hopgood	D	22	Taylor	373-0852	hoon-yunghopgood@house.mi.gov
Ken Horn	R	94	Frankenmuth	373-0837	kennethhorn@house.mi.gov
Bill Huizenga	R	90	Zeeland	373-0830	billhuizenga@house.mi.gov
LaMar Lemmons, Jr.	D	2	Detroit	373-0106	lamarlemmonsjr@house.mi.gov
Steven Lindberg	D	109	Marquette	373-0498	stevenlindberg@house.mi.gov
Tim Melton	D	29	Auburn Hills	373-0475	timmelton@house.mi.gov
Fred Miller	D	31	Mount Clemens	373-0159	fredmiller@house.mi.gov
John Moolenaar	R	98	Midland	373-1791	johnmoolenaar@house.mi.gov
Paul Opsommer	R	93	Dewitt	373-0834	paulopsommer@house.mi.gov
David Palsrok	R	101	Manistee	373-0825	davidpalsrok@house.mi.gov

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 # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 002 Hardiman	01/10/2007	Campaign finance; public disclosure; disclosure of committees that employ and registration of persons who make “robocalls” in campaigns; require. Amends sec. 6 of 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.206) & adds sec. 48.	Referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.
SB 003 Haridman	01/10/2007	Elections; campaign practices; do-not-call list for automated political telephone calls; provide for.	Referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.
SB 004 Hardiman	01/10/2007	Communications; cellular telephone; customer consent to list numbers in a cell phone directory; require. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 <i>et seq.</i>) by adding sec. 360a.	Referred to Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Emerging Technologies.
SB 0058 Stamas	01/24/07	Campaign finance; campaign practices; telephonic communications; require disclosure stating who is paying for call and whether authorized by candidate.	Referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4041 Lemmons	01/22/2007	Corrections; state facilities; telephone system for state correctional facilities; impose requirements.	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 4057 Nofs	01/22/2007	Campaign finance; public disclosure; telephone or electronic campaigning; require message to include payer's identification and whether approved by candidate, and revise identifying statement for radio or television campaign ads.	Referred to House Committee on Elections and Ethics.

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2007 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were been passed during the previous 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. Acts passed since the previous edition of the *Michigan Telecommunications Report* are in bold.

To date, no telecommunications legislation has been enacted during the 2007-2008 Legislative Sessions.

ORDERS ISSUED BY MPSC |

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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 January 16, 2007, AT&T Michigan and XO Communications Services, Inc. jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of the Thirteenth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Thirteenth Amendment adds an Out of Exchange Appendix to the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-14783

Interconnection Agreement

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

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=14783>

On January 22, 2007, AT&T Michigan and B&S Telecom, Inc. jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of the Fifth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Fifth Amendment replaces the existing ISP Bound Traffic Amendment and adds the rates, terms and conditions of the FCC’s interim ISP terminating compensation plan for the exchange of ISP-Bound Traffic into the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15076 [AMENDED APPLICATION]

Expanded Local Calling Area

Kaleva Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/cgi-bin/efile/viewcase.pl?casenum=15076>

On January 22, 2007, Kaleva Telephone Company (“Kaleva”) filed a revision to its October 2, 2006, Application to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) to expand the local calling area and adjust rates for its Primary Basic Local Exchange Service (“PBLES”) Customers, pursuant to Section 304(10) of the Michigan Telecommunications Act. This revised Application follows the Commission’s December 21, 2006 Order in this proceeding in which the Commission

approved Kaleva's requested \$2.38 upward rate adjustment, and its proposal to add to its PBLES local calling area all exchanges adjacent to the customer's home exchange. However, the Commission denied Kaleva's request to include any non-adjacent exchanges in the PBLES customer's local calling area and charge 5¢ per minute for calls to such non-adjacent exchanges. Under the revised Application, Kaleva proposes that its PBLES customers would pay no per-minute charges for calls to non-adjacent exchanges unless they exceeded 12,000 outgoing voice minutes per month (or used the service for non-voice traffic). The revised Application was accompanied by a Petition for Rehearing of the Commission's December 21, 2006 Order.

Case No. U-15078 [AMENDED APPLICATION]

Expanded Local Calling Area

Baraga Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/cgi-bin/efile/viewcase.pl?casenum=15078>

On January 22, 2007, Baraga Telephone Company ("Baraga") filed a revision to its October 2, 2006, Application to the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") to expand the local calling area and adjust rates for its Primary Basic Local Exchange Service ("PBLES") Customers, pursuant to Section 304(10) of the Michigan Telecommunications Act. This revised Application follows the Commission's December 21, 2006 Order in this proceeding in which the Commission approved Baraga's requested rate adjustment, and its proposal to add to its PBLES local calling area all exchanges adjacent to the customer's home exchange. However, the Commission denied Baraga's request to include any non-adjacent exchanges in the Upper Peninsula in the PBLES customer's local calling area and charge 5¢ per minute for calls to such non-adjacent exchanges. Under the revised Application, Baraga proposes that its incumbent local exchange service and competitive local exchange service PBLES customers would pay no per-minute charges for calls to non-adjacent exchanges unless they exceeded 12,000 outgoing voice minutes per month (or used the service for non-voice traffic). The revised Application was accompanied by a Petition for Rehearing of the Commission's December 21, 2006 Order.

Case No. U-15155 [AMENDED COMPLAINT]

Consumer Complaint: Billing Dispute

Patricia Murray & Associates v LDMI

On January 17, 2007, Patricia Murray & Associates filed an Amendment to her December 7, 2006 formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission against LDMI alleging that LDMI refused to relinquish Patricia Murray & Associates' telephone lines to AT&T Michigan and continued to charge for telephone service after AT&T began offering Patricia Murray & Associates service. Patricia Murray & Associates' Amendment requests that the Commission order LDMI to credit its account, remove any credit disputes from its record, and reimburse \$1,000 in estimated economic losses.

Case No. U-15170 [AMENDED COMPLAINT]

Consumer Complaint: Billing Dispute

JoAnne J. Smith v AT&T Michigan

On January 19, 2007, JoAnne J. Smith filed an Amendment to her December 27, 2006 formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") against AT&T Michigan, alleging that AT&T Michigan improperly charged the Complainant for services she did not order and did not receive. The Amendment purports to focus the Complaint on allegedly improper charges for long distance service.

Case No. U-15186
Michael Komorn v Verizon

Consumer Complaint: Billing Dispute

On January 18, 2007, Michael A. Komorn filed a Formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission against Verizon alleging that Verizon charged him \$656.75 for use of his broadband wireless card, above and beyond his \$59.99 per month unlimited usage package. Mr. Komorn requests that the Commission order Verizon to reimburse him for his losses and order a Verizon to provide him with a written apology.

Case No. U-15188
CenturyTel and Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15188>

Interconnection Agreement

On January 23, 2007, CenturyTel, on behalf of CenturyTel Midwest Michigan, Inc. and Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of an EAS Traffic Exchange Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15189
Communications Lines, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15189>

License

On January 17, 2007, Communications Lines, Inc. filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for temporary and permanent licenses to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which Verizon North, Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan are the incumbent local exchange carriers. The Application states that Communications Lines, Inc. is a Washington corporation headquartered in University Place, Washington.

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.

Case No. U-14917
Attorney General 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=15168>
Comments Due: March 12, 2007

PBLES Rate

On January 10, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order requiring Verizon North, Inc., and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems (“Verizon”) to file an application with the Commission, pursuant to Section 304(2)(d) of the MTA, for permission to increase its Primary Basic Local Exchange Service rate in an amount greater than the rate of its previous lowest cost calling plan. Verizon’s Application is required to be filed within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to comment on this Application, in this docket, by

March 12, 2007. The Commission will thereafter make a determination on whether or not the increase, likely \$1.20 per month, is just and reasonable.

Case No. U-15168

Video Complaints

Commission's Own Motion

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15168>

Comments Due: February 8, 2007

Reply Comments Due: March 1, 2007

On January 9, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") commenced a proceeding to receive comments on proposed procedures for complaints under the Uniform Video Services Local Franchise Act, 2006 PA 480 (the "Act"). On December 21, 2006 Governor Jennifer Granholm signed the Act into law. The Act, which provides for competitive video franchises within political subdivisions in Michigan contains a provision requiring the Commission to propose to the Legislature, no later than June 1, 2007, a process to be added to the Act that would allow the Commission to review disputes between a video provider and its customers, between video providers and franchising entities, and between video providers. The Commission invites interested persons to comment on and suggest proposed procedures for the Commission's review of complaints by filing such in this docket by **February 8, 2007**. Responses to those comments and suggestions are due **March 1, 2007**.

NOTICES OF HEARING |

The following notices of hearing have been issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission's Executive Secretary. Unless otherwise noted, all hearings are held at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-15116

License

Tele-Reconnect, Inc.

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15116>

Evidentiary Hearing: February 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The November 17, 2006 Application of Tele-Reconnect, Inc., which was amended on December 8, 2006, for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **February 6, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman. Parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so by **February 2, 2007**.

Case No. U-15137

License

National Grid Communications, Inc.

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15137>

Evidentiary Hearing: January 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The November 17, 2006 Application of National Grid Communications, Inc. for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **January 24, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman. Parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so by **January 22, 2007**.

MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

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

KNOWN TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT **(JANUARY 29, 2007 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2007)**

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

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

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

February 27, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15148/evidentiary hearing
Pelzer Communications Corp. (license)

March 14, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15116/prehearing
Alltel Communications, Inc. v AT&T Michigan
(SS7 Billing)

2007 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES |

<u>Month & Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
January 30	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
February 15	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
March 21	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
April 3	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
April 24	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
May 8	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
May 22	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
June 12	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
June 26	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
July 12	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
July 26	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
August 7	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 21	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 11	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 25	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
October 11	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
October 25	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 6	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
December 4	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
December 18	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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