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MPSC Schedules Consumer Forums Around the State

The Following Press Release was issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission on October 3, 2007. For additional information contact Judy Palnau at (517) 241-3323.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) today announced that it will host a series of consumer forums around Michigan in October and November. 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. . . .

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. . . "As winter approaches, my colleagues and I believe it is important for Michigan utility customers to prepare for winter heating bills," said MPSC Chairman Orjiakor Isiogu. "We want customers to be aware of conservation measures they can take and assistance programs that are available to them. We welcome the opportunity to meet customers to discuss these issues and hear their comments on other utility matters that concern them."

One of the MPSC's three Commissioners - Chairman Isiogu, Commissioner Monica Martinez, or Commissioner Steven A. Transeth - 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.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be available at the Detroit and Dearborn forums for those in attendance who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Following is information on each upcoming consumer forum:

Mt. Pleasant
Tuesday, October 23, at 6 p.m.
City Hall - Commission Chambers
401 North Main Street

Dearborn
Thursday, October 25 at 6 p.m.
Henry Ford Centennial Library – Auditorium
16301 Michigan Avenue

Battle Creek
Tuesday, October 30 at 2 p.m.
City Hall - Commission Chambers (3rd Floor)
10 North Division Street

Gaylord
Monday, November 5 at 6 p.m.
City-County Building - Room 100
225 West Main Street

Detroit
Thursday, November 1 at 6 p.m.
UAW Local 7 Union Hall
2600 Conner Street

Ludington
Thursday, November 8 at 6 p.m.
Municipal Office Building - Community Room
400 South Harrison Street

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

Federal Court Issues Ruling on Michigan Triennial Review Remand Order Appeal |

On September 26, 2007, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued an opinion affirming in part and reversing in part portions of the Michigan Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Opinion and Order of September 20, 2005 in Case No. U-14447, the Commission's ruling on disputed issues arising out of the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Triennial Review Remand Order ("TRRO").

AT&T Michigan had challenged the Commission's ruling, raising five distinct issues where AT&T Michigan claimed the ruling was preempted by the TRRO and the regulations implementing the TRRO. Several Competitive Local Exchange Carriers ("CLECs") intervened and defended the Commission's Order.

The District Court addressed five issues raised by AT&T Michigan, and reversed the Commission on three issues:

1. The Commission's Order had indicated that the Commission was convinced that AT&T Michigan's obligations under Section 271 of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (obligations agreed to by AT&T Michigan in return for being allowed to offer in-region long distance telephone services) should be included in interconnection agreements, and required AT&T Michigan to negotiate to include such obligations in its interconnection agreements. The District Court reversed this ruling, finding that only the FCC had authority over Section 271 obligations.

2. The Commission's Order held that AT&T Michigan must continue to provide entrance facilities to competing carriers at cost-based rates where the entrance facilities interconnect with the incumbent network, as opposed to entrance facilities that carry traffic to and from the CLEC's own end users. The District Court held that the FCC's finding that entrance facilities can be procured without impairment, regardless of the usage of the entrance facilities, controlled and that the Commission could not order such entrance facilities to continue to be priced at cost-based rates.

3. The Commission's Order had required that, to be counted as a business line for purposes of determining whether particular wire centers are impaired and require access to DS1 and DS3 loops as unbundled network elements, the line must actually serve a business customer. The District Court agreed with AT&T Michigan that this method violated the method adopted by the FCC, which required counting all lines from loops provisioned in combination with other unbundled elements, by failing to include all unbundled network element loops.

In addition to the three issues where it reversed the Commission, the District Court upheld the Commission's rulings applying the FCC unbundled network element platform transition rate even where the customer had migrated to resale before the transition deadline, and holding that AT&T Michigan's charges for routine network modifications were already included in the charges approved in the most recent cost case, MPSC Case No. U-13531.

The case is *Michigan Bell Telephone Company v Lark*, ED Mich Case Number 06-11982, September 20, 2007.

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 Hardiman	01/10/2007	Elections; campaign practices; do-not-call list for automated political telephone calls; provide for.	04/04/2007 Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole with Substitute S-3.
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 058 Stamas	01/24/2007	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.
SB 108 Basham	01/30/2007	Communications; telecommunications; eligibility date to opt into METRO funds; revise. Amends sec. 13 of 2002 PA 48 (MCL 484.3113).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy.
SB 131 Cherry	01/31/2007	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.	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 143 Brown	01/31/2007	Criminal procedure; sentencing guidelines; sentencing guidelines for crime of installing spyware on another person's computer without consent; enact. Amends sec. 17c, ch. XVII of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 777.17c). Tie Bar with SB 144.	Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.
SB 144 Brown	01/31/2007	Crimes; computer; installing spyware on another person's computer without consent; prohibit, and provide penalties. Amends sec. 7 of 1979 PA 53 (MCL 752.797) & adds sec. 5b.	Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.
SB 145 Brown	01/31/2007	Civil procedure; civil actions; installing spyware or adware onto another individual's computer without consent; prohibit and provide remedies for. Creates new act.	Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary.
SB 284 Richardville	02/27/2007	Campaign finance; campaign practices; telephonic communications; require disclosure stating who is paying for call and whether authorized by candidate. Amends 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.201 - 169.282) by adding sec. 48.	04/19/2007 Substitute S-2 passed Senate, 38 Yeas, 0 Nays. Referred to House Committee on Ethics and Elections.
SB 410 Brown	04/18/2007	Communications; telecommunications; funding system for the emergency telephone service enabling act; modify. Amends title & secs. 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 205, 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 312, 319, 320 & 401 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 <i>et seq.</i>) & adds secs. 401a, 401b & 401c. Tie Bar with SB 411.	09/14/2007, Substitute H-3 reported from House Committee on Appropriations. Referred to second reading.
SB 411 Brown	04/18/2007	Communications; telecommunications; funding system for the emergency telephone service enabling act; modify. Amends secs. 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 410, 412, 413, 502, 504, 506, 601, 602, 605, 712, 714, 716 & 717 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1402 <i>et seq.</i>) & repeals. Tie Bar with SB 410.	09/14/2007, Substitute H-4 reported from House Committee on Appropriations. Referred to second reading.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 449 Kahn	04/26/2007	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 585 Patterson	06/12/2007	Public utilities; restructuring; oversight of proposed mergers, sales, or acquisitions of public utilities; clarify. Amends 1939 PA 3 (MCL 460.1 - 460.10cc) by adding sec. 6r.	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 636 Thomas	07/17/2007	Communications; other; 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 637 Thomas	07/17/2007	Communications; other; video service provider; clarify. Amends sec. 10 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3310).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 679 Patterson	08/22/2007	Communications; telecommunications; sunset on 9-1-1 emergency service district; extend. Amends sec. 717 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1717).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 783 Thomas	09/18/2007	Traffic control; violations; operation of a vehicle while using certain electronic devices; prohibit. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 815 Patterson	09/25/2007	Communications; telecommunications; technical and operational charge for emergency telephone service enabling act; extend sunset. Amends sec. 401 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1401).	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.
SB 819 Garcia	10/04/2007	Communications; cellular telephone; active duty military personnel; allow to cancel cellular telephone contract without penalties. Amends 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2101 - 484.2604) by adding sec. 304b.	Referred to Senate Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

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.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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 Ethics and Elections.
HB 4239 Sak	03/14/2007	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.	Substitute H-1 Passed House, 107 Yeas, 0 Nays; referred to Senate Committee on Campaign and Election Oversight.
HB 4293 Miller	02/20/2007	Law enforcement; investigations; use of eavesdropping devices in hostage or other emergency situations; allow. Amends secs. 539a & 539g of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.539a & 750.539g) & adds sec. 539l.	Referred to House Judiciary Committee.
HB 4333 Wenke	02/27/2007	Campaign finance; public disclosure; disclosure of persons who make automated telephone calls related to candidates or elections; require.	Referred to House Committee on Ethics and Elections.
HB 4461 Rocca	03/15/2007	Transportation; school vehicles; use of cellular telephone while operating a school bus; prohibit. Amends 1990 PA 187 (MCL 257.1801 - 257.1877) by adding sec. 58.	Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
HB 4581 Condino	04/05/2007	Communications; telecommunications; tax on satellite television sales; provide for at same rate as cable franchise agreements. Amends secs. 1 & 2 of 1933 PA 167 (MCL 205.51 & 205.52).	Referred to House Committee on Tax Policy.
HB 4717 Opsommer	05/08/2007	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. Amends sec. 47 of 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.247) & adds sec. 48.	Referred to House Committee on Oversight and Investigations.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4726 Cushingberry	05/08/2007	Communications; telecommunications; amendments to the emergency telephone service enabling act; provide for. Amends sec. 102 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1102) & adds sec. 408a.	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.
HB 4852 Cushingberry	05/24/2007	Communications; telecommunications; public safety charge; provide for. Amends 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 - 484.1717) by adding sec. 408a.	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.
HB 4892 Polidori	06/27/2007	Traffic control; violations; use of mobile phones while operating a motor vehicle; prohibit. Amends sec. 320a of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.320a) & adds sec. 602b.	Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
HB 5047 Johnson	07/24/2007	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 5048 Accavitta	07/24/2007	Communications; other; video service provider; clarify. Amends sec. 10 of 2006 PA 480 (MCL 484.3310).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 5117 Bieda	08/21/2007	Traffic control; violations; penalties for operating a motor vehicle while reading, manually writing, or sending a message on an electronic wireless device; provide for. Amends 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.1 - 257.923) by adding sec. 602b.	Referred to House Committee on Transportation.
HB 5131 Dean	08/22/2007	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; registered sex offenders to provide certain information regarding their internet service; require.	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5133 Law	08/22/2007	Criminal procedure; sex offender registration; reporting requirements; expand to include a valid electronic mail address and user name. Amends sec. 7 of 1994 PA 295 (MCL 28.727).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.
HB 5134 Law	08/22/2007	Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; access to commercial social networking websites by certain sex offenders; restrict. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 411u.	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5150 A. Smith	08/30/2007	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 5240 Garfield	09/18/2007	Communications; internet; Michigan broadband authority; eliminate. Repeals 2002 PA 49 (MCL 484.3201 - 484.3225).	Referred to House Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life.

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2007 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that have been passed during the current legislative session (2007-2008). 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 |

The Michigan Public Service Commission issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on September 25, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.:

Case No. U-12888

License

New Access Communications, Inc.

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order rescinding the license of New Access Communications to provide basic local exchange service in Michigan. The Commission had issued the license on July 11, 2001. On August 20, 2007, New Access indicated its intent to surrender the license. New Access stated that it ceased to provide services to customers in Michigan on March 1, 2007.

Case No. U-14731

PBLES Rates

Commission’s Own Motion

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15237>

On September 25, 2007 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Closing Docket in MPSC Case No. U-14731. On December 20, 2005, the Commission commenced this docket directing all providers of primary basic local exchange service (“PBLES”) to file proposed PBLES tariffs by January 19, 2006 to give the Commission Staff an opportunity to review the proposed tariffs prior to the effective date of April 1, 2006 of amendments to the Michigan Telecommunications Act (“MTA”) affecting PBLES plans. Because remaining issues related to this

docket were resolved in the Commission's April 11, 2007 Order in MPSC Case No. U-15312, the Commission found it appropriate to close Case No. U-14731.

Case No. U-15208

PBLES Rates

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=15208>

On September 25, 2007 the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an Order Closing Docket in MPSC Case No. U-15208. On February 9, 2007, Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems (collectively, "Verizon") filed an Application in this docket requesting approval of its PBLES rates pursuant to Section 304 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA"), MCL 484.2304. On April 24, 2007, the Commission Ordered Verizon to file a complete rate case Application for approval of such rates. On May 24, 2007, Verizon filed such an Application in Case No. U-15312. Because remaining issues related to Case No. U-15208 were resolved in the Commission's April 11, 2007 Order in MPSC Case No. U-15312, the Commission found it appropriate to close Case No. U-15208.

Case No. U-15210

TSLRIC

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=15210>

On September 11, 2007 the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued an Order and Notice of Hearing establishing a prehearing conference and comment schedule with respect to Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems' (collectively, "Verizon") Total Service Long Run Incremental Costs ("TSLRIC") and Total Element Long Run Incremental Costs ("TELRIC"). Verizon filed its cost studies on August 31, 2007, along with a request for approval of a "third-party protective order" so that confidential information concerning third parties may be protected from disclosure after being made available to the parties of this case. The Commission ordered that the Administrative Law Judge should consider the protective agreement at a prehearing conference to be held on October 11, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices at 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing, Michigan. The Commission also established the following schedule for the remainder of this proceeding: initial comments due January 3, 2008; comments by the Commission Staff due February 4, 2008; reply comments due March 20, 2008, and final reply comments due April 21, 2008. The Commission also urged "the parties to work diligently to ready the case for presentation to the Commission no later than May 11, 2008."

Case No. U-15315

Consumer Complaint: Quality Service

Go Green Glass, LLC and Kenneth J. Sudall v.

Michigan Bell Telephone Company and Ameritech Publishing, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15315>

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an Order dismissing, with prejudice, the May 16, 2007 Complaint of Go Green Glass, LLC and Kenneth J. Sudall v. Michigan Bell Telephone Company and Ameritech Publishing Services. The Complaint had alleged that an incorrect telephone number listing for Go Green Glass had been published in the 2002 and 2003 white pages directories, and in the 2003 yellow pages directory, in violation of Section 502 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act ("MTA"), MCL 484.2502.

The Commission agreed with Administrative Law Judge, Barbara A. Stump's ("ALJ") analysis contained in her July 26, 2007 oral Proposal for Decision ("PFD") that found that the

Commission did not have jurisdiction over this dispute. The Commission found that the Complainants were mistaken in their reliance on Case Nos. U-10063 and U-14435 to establish jurisdiction over Ameritech Publishing, Inc. In Case No. U-10063, the Commission analyzed its powers under the previous Section 207 of the MTA. Section 207 (repealed by 235 PA 2005, effective November 22, 2005) had provided that “The commission shall determine the manner in which local directory assistance service to the end user is to be regulated under this act.” MCL 484.2207 (repealed). “Local directory assistance” means the “provision by telephone of a listed telephone number within the caller’s area code.” MCL 484.2102(p). In Case No. U-10063, the Commission found that it had the authority to promulgate what was then called Standard 305.s December 8, 1992 order in Case No. U-10063, pp. 4-5 (Standard 305 order). According to the Commission, the Complainants’ reliance on the Standard 305 order in their exceptions is also “misplaced, for a number of reasons. As noted, the order analyzed the Commission’s authority under a section of the MTA that has since been repealed. Even more to the point, however, the order and the appellate opinion both uphold the Commission’s authority to promulgate the very rule that specifically limits the liability of the LEC in this case. Moreover, neither the order nor the appellate opinion find that the Commission has authority over the company that contracts with the LEC to produce the printed directory. The Commission also held that AT&T’s Tariff 20R provides an independent basis for dismissal of this proceeding against AT&T Michigan.

Case No. U-15377

License

Trophy Technologies, Inc., d/b/a Rural Communications

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15377>

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued an Opinion and Order granting Trophy Technologies, Inc., d/b/a Rural Communications’ June 29, 2007 Application for an expansion of the geographic service area of its license to provide basic local exchange service. Trophy Technologies, Inc., d/b/a Rural Communications sought an expansion to provide basic local exchange service to all exchange currently served by AT&T Michigan

Case No. U-15384

Interconnection Agreement

Carr Telephone Company, and Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS and Nextel West Corp.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15384>

Application filed on August 31, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15387

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and AT&T Communications of Michigan, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15387>

Application filed on September 5, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15388

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and TCG Detroit

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15388>

Application filed on September 5, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement (the prior Interconnection Agreement approved March 21, 2002, Case No. U-12465, will terminate upon the effective date of this Interconnection Agreement).

Case No. U-15393

Interconnection Agreement

Baraga Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15393>

Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15394 Interconnection Agreement
Hiawatha Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15394>
Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15395 Interconnection Agreement
Midway Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15395>
Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.

Case No. U-15396 Interconnection Agreement
Ontonagon County Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15396>
Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.

Case No. U-15397 Interconnection Agreement
Chippewa County Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15397>
Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15398 Interconnection Agreement
Pigeon Telephone Company and Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15398>
Application filed on September 6, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.

Case No. U-15423 Interconnection Agreement
Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company and Charter Fiberlink-Michigan LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15423>
Application filed on September 14, 2007 for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the Interconnection Agreements and Amendments listed above.

MINUTE ACTIONS |

Case No. U-15300 Wireless Emergency Service Costs
SBC AT&T Michigan

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action approving AT&T Michigan invoice No. 517R41-0001-067-9 for wireless emergency service costs recoverable pursuant to 2003 PA 244, MCL 484.1408(11), and consistent with the Commission’s order dated June 29, 2004 in Case No. U-14000. The Commission recommended approval of the invoice for reimbursement by the Emergency Telephone Service Committee.

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action approving Verizon invoice Nos. M19NZMTS911 and M19NGMTS911 for wireless emergency service costs recoverable pursuant to 2003 PA 244, MCL 484.1408(11), and consistent with the Commission’s order dated June 29, 2004 in Case No. U-14000. The Commission recommended approval of the invoices for reimbursement by the Emergency Telephone Service Committee.

On September 25, 2007, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action designating the following carriers as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (“ETC”) for the purpose of receiving Federal Universal Service Funds (“USF”) to be expended in 2008, 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 & High Cost)	310704
Allband Communications Cooperative (Lifeline & High Cost)	310542
Allendale Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310669
AllTel Communications, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	319010
American Cellular Corp (Lifeline & High Cost)	319012
AT&T Michigan (Lifeline)	315090
Baraga Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310675
Barry County Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310676
Blanchard Telephone Association, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310678
Bloomington Telephone Co., Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310679
Carr Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310683
CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310702
CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310671
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310705
CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310689
Chapin Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310694
Chippewa County Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310680
Climax Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310688
Deerfield Farmers Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310691
Dobson Cellular Systems, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	319912
Drenthe Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310692
Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	310682
Hiawatha Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310713
Kaleva Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310703
Lennon Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310708
Michiana Metronet, Inc. (Lifeline & High Cost)	319008
Centennial Michigan RSA 6 Cellular Corp. (Lifeline & High Cost)	319006
Centennial Michigan RSA 7 Cellular Corp. (Lifeline & High Cost)	319007
Midway Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310711
Nexus Communications, Inc. (Lifeline)	319014

Ogden Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310714
Ontonagon County Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310717
Peninsula Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310720
Pigeon Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310721
Sand Creek Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310725
Springport Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310728
TDS: Communications Corporation of Michigan (Lifeline & High Cost)	310672
TDS: Chatham Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310685
TDS: Island Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310677
TDS: Shiawasee Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310726
TDS: Wolverine Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310738
Thumb Cellular (Lifeline & High Cost)	319005
Upper Peninsula Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310732
Verizon North (Lifeline)	310695
Verizon North Systems (Lifeline)	313033
Vilaire Communications (Lifeline)	319015
Waldron Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310734
Westphalia Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310735
Winn Telephone Company (Lifeline & High Cost)	310737

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-13569

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13569>

On September 27, 2007, AT&T Michigan and Talk America, Inc. d/b/a Cavalier Telephone jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of the Sixth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Sixth Amendment replaces the One Way Trunking language with 2 Way Trunking language in the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15360

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Osirus Communications, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15360>

On September 24, 2007, Osirus Communications, Inc. (“Osirus”) applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the purpose of receiving federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) support. Osirus seeks ETC designation for eight unserved areas for which Osirus applied to expand its license to serve in Case No. U-15356. The Commission issued a temporary license to Osirus to serve the eight unserved areas in MPSC Case No U-15356 on September 18, 2007. On September 11, 2007 the Commission dismissed a previous application by Osirus for designation as an ETC in Case No. U-15360 based on Osirus’ August 21, 2007 withdrawal of such.

On September 25, 2007, Brian King, on behalf of Waynewood Apartments of Farmington Hills, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against AT&T Michigan. The Complaint alleges that AT&T cross wired their phones with others. The Complaint seeks reimbursement of \$7,201.31 for economic losses plus applicable fines under the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

Case No. U-15431
AT&T Michigan and Infotelecom, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15431>

Interconnection Agreement

On October 2, 2007, AT&T Michigan and Infotelecom, LLC jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of an Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement is an adoption, pursuant to Section 252(i) of Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC § 252(i), of the Interconnection Agreement by and between AT&T Michigan and Level 3 Communications, LLC (Adopted Agreement) that was approved by the Commission on February 24, 2005 in Case No. U-14152. Infotelecom’s adoption includes the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Amendments to Level 3 Communications’ Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15432
Chatham Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Communications Corporation of Michigan d/b/a TDS Telecom, Island Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Shiawassee Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, and Wolverine Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom and TelNet Worldwide, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15432>

Interconnection Agreement

On October 2, 2007, Chatham Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Communications Corporation of Michigan d/b/a TDS Telecom, Island Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, Shiawassee Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom, and Wolverine Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom and TelNet Worldwide, Inc. jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for 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.

Case No. U-15385

License

Allband Communications Cooperative

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15385>

Comments Due: October 29, 2007

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has invited interested parties to file comments on the August 31, 2007 Application of Allband Communications Cooperative for an amendment to the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan. Allband requests authority to serve seven unserved areas in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Monday, October 29, 2007**.

Case No. U-15389

License

Sprint Communications Company L.P.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15389>

Comments Due: November 1, 2007

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has invited interested parties to file comments on the September 5, 2007 Application of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for an amendment to the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan. Sprint Communications Company L.P. requests authority to serve in the zone and exchange areas in which CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc., Shiawassee Telephone Company, and Westphalia Telephone Company are the incumbent providers. Comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 1, 2007**.

Case No. U-15425

License

Buckeye Telesystem, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15425>

Comments Due: November 15, 2007

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has invited interested parties to file comments on the September 17, 2007 Application of Buckeye Telesystem, inc. for an amendment to the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan. Buckeye requests authority to serve portions of the Erie exchange currently served by Verizon North Incorporated. Comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 15, 2007**.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS |

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-15379

License

Global Capacity Group, Inc.

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15379>

Evidentiary Hearing: October 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The August 27, 2007 application of Global Capacity Group, Inc., for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan, is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 23, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Mark D. Eyster. Parties wishing to intervene in this matter must do so by **Friday, October 19, 2007**.

Case No. U-15392

License

Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc.

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15392>

Evidentiary Hearing: October 23, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

The September 6, 2007 application of Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc., for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan, is set for an evidentiary hearing at 10:00 a.m. on **Tuesday, October 23, 2007**, at the offices of the Michigan Public Service Commission, 6545 Mercantile Way, Suite 7, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Mark D. Eyster. Parties wishing to intervene in this matter must do so by **Friday, October 19, 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 (OCTOBER 8, 2007 THROUGH OCTOBER 19, 2007)

October 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-15376/evidentiary hearing

Terry Williams v. AT&T Michigan and Charter Communications (consumer complaint: quality service)

October 11, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-15210/prehearing conference

Verizon North, Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc.
d/b/a Verizon North Systems (tslric)

October 16, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15390/evidentiary hearing
Michael J. Leonard v. MCImetro Access

Transmission Services, d/b/a Verizon Access
Transmission Services (consumer complaint:
billing dispute)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

October 23, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15379/evidentiary hearing
Global Capacity Group, Inc. (license)

November 6, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15368/evidentiary hearing
Winn Restructuring, Inc. (license)

October 23, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15392/evidentiary hearing
Wholesale Carrier Services, Inc. (license)

November 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15381/evidentiary hearing
Quick Communications, Inc. v. AT&T Michigan
(ica dispute)

October 23, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15424/prehearing conference
Clear Rate Communications, Inc. v. Internet 123,
Inc. and Local Exchange Carriers of Michigan, Inc.
(dispute between carriers)

November 13, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-15391/evidentiary hearing
Quick Communications, Inc. v. AT&T Michigan
(ica dispute)

2007 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES* |

<u>Month & Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>
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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