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#### **AT&T Provides \$1.2 Million Grant to Make New Technology Available for Detroit-Area Youth**

AT&T issued the following press release on April 12, 2007.

The AT&T Foundation — the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) — today announced a \$1.2 million grant to the Detroit Youth Foundation (“DYF”) to provide access to new technology for Detroit-area inner-city youth.

The grant will be used to establish an Internet Protocol television-capable studio, which will provide youth with internships, on-site training and instruction. Assignments . . .

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. . . will include producing public, education and government (“PEG”) programs for local access channels.

“The AT&T grant will allow Detroit youth the opportunity to have practical, hands-on experience using technology,” said Gerald K. Smith, DYF president and chief executive officer. “Access to technology is vital in today's world. This funding will provide our youth with the experience they need in order to succeed in the future.”

DYF is dedicated to enhancing the lives of youth and furthering positive youth development in Detroit. The organization furthers opportunity by providing grants, programming and support to young people and to youth-serving organizations. DYF encourages positive enrichment through collaborative partnerships and funding strategies that help create a healthy community environment.

“It is vital that our young people have access to innovative technologies that can expand their horizons and create a new world of opportunity,” said State Sen. Buzz Thomas. “This generous grant will enable the Detroit Youth Foundation to continue its mission of helping local youth reach their full potential.”

“AT&T is committed to investing in our communities and is pleased to show continued support for southeastern Michigan,” said Gail Torreano, AT&T Michigan President. “Partnerships, like this, allow us to support initiatives that improve lives and provide learning opportunities through technology.”

The AT&T tradition of leadership is focused on investing in the people and communities the company serves through a variety of philanthropic and volunteer initiatives. Since 1996, AT&T Inc. and the AT&T Foundation have contributed more than \$439 million to nonprofit organizations across the country. With its strong giving record, the AT&T Foundation was ranked by Forbes magazine as being among the most generous corporate foundations in 2006.

**Michigan Schools and Libraries Receive \$ 1.2 Million in Universal Service Discounts**

In the first wave of Funding Year 2007 commitments, effective April 23, 2007, the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) has announced that Michigan schools and libraries received \$1,238,267.83 of funding commitments for Priority One services (telecommunications and Internet access). On March 8, 2007, the Schools and Libraries Division of USAC reported to the Federal Communications Commission that approximately \$3.7 billion in requested funding nationwide had been estimated for schools and libraries seeking discounts for Funding Year 2007. The estimate was based on the total funding requested in 40,354 applications received or postmarked by February 8, 2007, the close of the application filing window.

The Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund has a national annual funding cap of \$2.25 billion. All funding requests are extensively reviewed for compliance with FCC program rules.

## 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.
<b>SB 003 Haridman</b>	<b>01/10/2007</b>	<b>Elections; campaign practices; do-not-call list for automated political telephone calls; provide for.</b>	<b>04/04/2007 Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole with Substitute S-3.</b>
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.
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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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	<b>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.</b>	<b>04/19/2007 Substitute S-2 passed Senate, 38 Yeas, 0 Nays. Referred to House Committee on Ethics and Elections.</b>
SB 410 Brown	04/18/2007	<b>Communications; telecommunications; funding system for the emergency telephone service enabling act; modify. Amends title &amp; secs. 101, 102, 201, 202, 203, 205, 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 312, 319, 320 &amp; 401 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1101 et seq.) &amp; adds secs. 401a, 401b &amp; 401c. Tie Bar with SB 411.</b>	<b>Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.</b>
SB 411 Brown	04/18/2007	<b>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 &amp; 717 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1402 et seq.) &amp; repeals. Tie Bar with SB 410.</b>	<b>Referred to Senate Committee on Energy Policy and Public Utilities.</b>

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 Wenks	02/27/2007	Campaign finance; public disclosure; disclosure of persons who make automated telephone calls related to candidates or elections; require.	Referred to 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 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 Committee on Tax Policy.

## **PUBLIC ACTS OF 2007** |

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Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were have 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** |

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The Michigan Public Service Commission has not met during the previous fortnight. The next scheduled meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission is on April 24, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.

## **APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS** |

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Case No. U-13227 Interconnection Agreement  
AT&T Michigan and Verizon Wireless.  
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15255>

On April 16, 2007, AT&T Michigan and New Par d/b/a Verizon Wireless by Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, its General Partner, and Muskegon Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless by Verizon Wireless (VAW) LLC, its General Partner, jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of the Fourth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Fourth Amendment adds the Wireless Collocation Appendix and associated rates into the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15255 Interconnection Agreement  
Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems  
and Cost Plus Communications, LLC  
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15255>

On April 5, 2007, Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc. d/b/a Verizon North Systems and Cost Plus Communications, LLC jointly applied to the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-15273 Video Franchise  
AT&T Michigan v Charter Township of Redford  
<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15273>

On April 11, 2007, AT&T Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a Complaint for Resolution of a Dispute with the Charter Township of Redford (“Township”) under the Uniform Video Services Franchise Act (the “Act”), MCL 484.3301 *et seq.* According to the Petition, on March 22, 2007, AT&T submitted a Commission approved Proposed Video Franchise Agreement to the Township. On April 9, 2007, the Township notified AT&T that

the Proposed Video Franchise Agreement was incomplete because “[t]he Agreement does not provide ‘an exact description of the video service area footprint to be served’ as required by Section 2.(3)(e). [sic].” AT&T alleges that it submitted a confidential map and written description that provided the requested information. AT&T seeks a Commission Order that the Township’s determination of incompleteness is unlawful and that the Commission enter the proposed Video Franchise.

Case No. U-15281

Video Franchise

AT&T Michigan v City of Southfield

<http://efile.mpsc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15281>

On April 19, 2007, AT&T Michigan filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) a Complaint for Resolution of a Dispute with the City of Southfield (“City”) under the Uniform Video Services Franchise Act (the “Act”), MCL 484.3301 *et seq.* According to the Petition, on March 28, 2007, AT&T submitted a Commission approved Proposed Video Franchise Agreement to the City. On April 16, 2007, the City notified AT&T that the Proposed Video Franchise Agreement was incomplete citing numerous alleged grounds, including 1) a failure to include the amount related to public, education and government (“PEG”) programming fees; 2) AT&T’s listed officers did not match those on file with the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth; 3) the confidential maps provided by AT&T did not comply “with materials located during the City’s ‘Google search’”; and, 4) AT&T did not accurately identify the date on which it expects to offer service. AT&T alleges that its application was complete and that “the City has no lawful grounds to find that AT&T’s Proposed Video Franchise Agreement is ‘incomplete.’” AT&T seeks a Commission Order that the City’s determination of incompleteness is unlawful and that the Commission enter the proposed Video Franchise.

Case No. U-15283

Consumer Complaint: Slamming

Zwingman v United Telecom

On April 16, 2007, Robert W. Zwingman, Jr., of Topinabee, filed a formal complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against United Telecom, Inc. d/b/a UTMI.net alleging that United Telecom switched his service without authorization. Mr. Zwingman’s Complaint seeks a letter of apology and fines under the Michigan Telecommunications Act.

## **NOTICES OF OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT |**

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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](mailto:mpscfilecases@michigan.gov)>. Any comments should reference the applicable docket number.

There are no Notices of Opportunities to Comment regarding Telecommunications cases pending at this time.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS |

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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-15249

License

Sigecom, LLC

<http://efile.mpssc.cis.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15249>

Evidentiary Hearing: May 10, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

The March 15, 2007 Application of Sigecom, LLC 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 AT&T Michigan is set for an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on **Thursday, May 10, 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 proceeding must do so by **Tuesday, May 8, 2007**.

## MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

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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

(APRIL 23, 2007 THROUGH MAY 4, 2007)

May 2 and 3, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-15204/evidentiary hearing

ACLU v AT&T and Verizon (Request for investigation)

### FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

May 8, 2007, 1:00 p.m. and,

May 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-15212/evidentiary hearing

Sprint v US Xchange (access charges)

June 6, 2007, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-15230/prehearing conference

Neutral Tandem, Inc. v Level 3 Communications

(interconnection dispute)

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Case No. U-15249/evidentiary hearing

Sigecom, LLC (license)

## 2007 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES |

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April 24

Day

Tuesday

Time

1:30 p.m.

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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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