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Comcast / Time Warner Cable / Charter Transactions Terminated |

Note: Comcast issued the Press Release below on April 24, 2015. For additional information, contact John Demming at (215) 286-8011 or via e-mail at <John_Demming@comcast.com>

Philadelphia, PA – April 24, 2015 – Comcast Corporation announced this morning that its merger agreement with Time Warner Cable and its transactions agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. have been terminated. The following is a statement from Comcast Chairman and CEO Brian L. Roberts:

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. . . “Today, we move on. Of course, we would have liked to bring our great products to new cities, but we structured this deal so that if the government didn’t agree, we could walk away. Comcast NBCUniversal is a unique company with strong momentum. Throughout this entire process, our employees have kept their eye on the ball and we have had fantastic operating results. I want to thank them and the employees of Time Warner Cable for their tireless efforts.



I couldn’t be more proud of this company and I am truly excited for what’s next.”

About Comcast Corporation – Comcast Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCSA, CMCSK) is a global media and technology company with two primary businesses, Comcast Cable and NBCUniversal. Comcast Cable is the nation’s largest video, high-speed Internet and phone provider to residential customers under the XFINITY brand and also provides these services to businesses. NBCUniversal operates news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, television production operations, television station groups, Universal Pictures and Universal Parks and Resorts. Visit <http://www.comcastcorporation.com> for more information.

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Gov. Rick Snyder makes reappointments to Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board |

Note: Governor Rick Snyder’s office issued the Press Release below on April 9, 2015.

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder today announced the reappointments of Dale Gribler, of Lawrence, Michelle LaJoye-Young, of Caledonia, and Julie Secontine, of Rochester Hills, to the Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board.

The board oversees Michigan’s 800 MHz radio system and telecommunications network, which provides statewide interoperability in digital clarity to its members. It also adopts procedures governing the organization and operations of the Michigan Public Safety Communications System.

“These appointees bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board and I appreciate their continued willingness to serve,” Snyder said.

Gribler is the Van Buren County Sheriff, serving in that role since 1996. He is the former undersheriff of the county and also served as chief of police for the village of Lawrence. Gribler is a member of the Michigan Sheriff’s Association and holds several committee appointments. He earned an associate degree and a bachelor’s degree from Lake Michigan College.

LaJoye-Young is a chief deputy with the Kent County Sheriff Department, where she previously served as commander of the Technology and Communications Division, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. LaJoye-Young spent eight years in the U.S. Army Reserves, where she achieved the rank of Captain. She earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University and a master’s degree in public administration from Western Michigan University.

Secontine is risk manager and an attorney for Oakland County, a position she has held since 2003. She was previously senior assistant corporation counselor for the county and worked as a staff attorney to Chief Judge Barry L. Howard in the Oakland County Circuit Court. She taught at Cooley Law School, Eastern Michigan University, Madonna University and Oakland Community College. Secontine earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University and a law degree from Wayne State University.

Appointees will serve four-year terms expiring April 30, 2019. Their appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

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2015 & 2016 LEGISLATION |

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 Website, <<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>>, or from the Legislative Service Bureau Document Room at (517) 373-0169.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4006 Heise	01/15/2015	Law enforcement; investigations; disclosure of call location information by wireless providers to requesting law enforcement agency; require. Creates new act.	02/18/2015 Substitute H-1 reported with recommendation by House Committee on Criminal Justice; referred to second reading.
HB 4038 Forlini	01/21/2015	Housing; landlord and tenants; notification of evictions; allow by electronic mail. Amends sec. 5718 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.5718).	04/23/15 Reported Favorably by Senate Committee on Judiciary; Referred to Senate Committee of the Whole.
HB 4291 Love	03/04/2015	Environmental protection; recycling; consumer electronic waste; expand to include cellular telephones and tablet computers. Amends secs. 17301, 17305, 17307 & 17309 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.17301 et seq.) & repeals sec. 17313 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.17313)	Referred to House Committee on Communications and Technology.
HB 4373 Geiss	03/24/2015	Education; public school academies; cyber schools; require posting educational materials on website and submission to department. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 553b.	Referred to House Committee on Education.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4378 Cole	03/24/2015	Administrative procedure; contested cases; award of costs and fees to prevailing party in a case involving this state; remove certain restrictions. Amends sec. 123 of 1969 PA 306 (MCL 24.323).	Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

House Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HR 0017 Tedder	02/19/2015	A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to rescind the ruling which regulates broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934	03/04/2015 Substitute H-1 Adopted by the House.
HR 0039 Townsend	03/17/2015	A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to stand firm on the decision to regulate broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 in the interest of preserving net neutrality.	03/17/2015 Referred to House Committee on Communications and Technology.
HCR 0004 Townsend	03/17/2015	A concurrent resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to stand firm on the decision to regulate broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 in the interest of preserving net neutrality.	03/17/2015 Referred to House Committee on Communications and Technology.

Senate Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SR 0016 Kowall	02/24/2015	A resolution to memorialize the President of the United States, the U.S. Congress, and the U.S. Federal Communications Commission to refrain from regulating broadband Internet services as common carrier services under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.	02/25/2015 Adopted by the Senate.
SR 0031 Kowall	03/25/2015	A resolution to urge the adoption of Intelligent Transportation System technologies throughout the state, further research into vehicle communication systems, and the testing and operation of connected and automated vehicles.	03/25/2015 Adopted by the Senate.

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2015 & 2016 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were passed during the current legislative session (2015-2016). Copies of Public Acts may be obtained by contacting your state Senator or Representative, on the Michigan Legislature Website, <<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 2015-2016 Telecommunications Legislation has been enacted in Michigan.

ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s new offices located at 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-11962 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and Global Crossing Local Services, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=11962>
Application filed March 24, 2015, for approval of a Sixth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (modifies certain rates and terms related to Emergency Number Service Access).

Case No. U-12798 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and Broadwing Communications, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=12798>
Applications filed March 20, 2015, and March 23, 2015, for approval of a Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (amends Article III (Interconnection Pursuant To Section 251(c)(2)) to add Section 3.8 entitled “Entrance Facilities,” and modifies certain rates and terms related to Emergency Number Service Access).

Case No. U-14152 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and Level 3 Communications, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=14152>
Applications filed March 20, 2015, and March 25, 2015, for approval of a Ninth and Tenth Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (amends Appendix NIM (Network Interconnection Methods) of the Interconnection Agreement to add Section 3.5 entitled “Entrance Facilities,” and modifies certain rates and terms related to Emergency Number Service Access).

Case No. U-15027 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and TelCove Operations, LLC
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15027>
Application filed March 24, 2015, for approval of a Second Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (changes the carrier name from TelCove Operations, Inc., to TelCove Operations, LLC, and amends Appendix NIM (Network Interconnection Methods) to add Section 3.5 entitled “Entrance Facilities”).

Case No. U-17855 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and AirNorth Communications, Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17855>
Application filed March 6, 2015, for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17858

Interconnection Agreement

CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., all d/b/a CenturyLink, and Lennon Telephone Company
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17858>

Application filed March 17, 2015, and an additional exhibit filed March 24, 2015, for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the above-listed Interconnection Agreements and Amendments to Interconnection Agreements.

Case No. U-15790

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Huron Mountain Communications Co.<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15790>

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order revoking the Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (“ETC”) designation of Huron Mountain Communications Co. in Michigan. On April 6, 2015, Huron Mountain Communications Co. filed an application requesting to relinquish its wireline ETC status for the service area known as the Huron exchange and stated that it has no customers and has never received any Universal Service Fund support money.

Case No. U-15994

License

Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a EarthLink Business I, f/k/a Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a One Communications I<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15994>

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order revoking the license of Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a EarthLink Business I, f/k/a Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a One Communications I to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas of Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan. On March 5, 2015, Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a EarthLink Business I, f/k/a Conversent Communications Resale L.L.C., d/b/a One Communications I informed the Commission of its intent to surrender its license and stated that it has no customers in Michigan.

Case No. U-16085

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Michigan Access, Inc.<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16085>

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order revoking the Eligible Telecommunication Carrier (“ETC”) designation of Michigan Access, Inc. in Michigan. On April 10, 2015, Michigan Access, Inc. filed a letter requesting to relinquish its ETC status and stated that it has no lifeline customers and has never received any Universal Service Fund support money.

Case No. U-17850

CenturyLink Communications, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17850>

License

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the February 23, 2015 Application of CenturyLink Communications, LLC amending its license to provide basic local exchange service to include all zones and exchange areas in the state of Michigan.

MPSC MINUTE ACTIONS |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Minute Actions at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s new offices located at 7109 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-14000

Wireless Emergency Service Costs

Commission’s Own Motion (Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc.)

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=14000>

On April 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued a Minute Action approving Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc.’s Invoice Nos. MI9NGMTS9110215 and MI9NZMTS9110215 for the periods of December 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015, for wireless emergency service costs in the amount of \$168,485.61 recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b), and authorized reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

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Case No. U-16085

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Michigan Access, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16085>

On April 10, 2015, Michigan Access, Inc. filed a Letter with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) designation in the State of Michigan. According to the letter, Michigan Access has never received any University Service Fund monies, and has no lifeline customers.

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: <mpscefilecases@michigan.gov>. Any comments should reference the applicable docket number.

There are no known Notices of Opportunities to Comment on Telecommunications Proceedings pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission at this time.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS |

The following Notices of Hearings have been issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission's Executive Secretary. Unless otherwise noted, all hearings are held 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

There are no known Notices of Hearing for Telecommunications Hearings pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission at this time.

MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, hearings are held at the Michigan Public Service Commission's new offices at 7109 W. Saginaw, 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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT (APRIL 27, 2015 THROUGH MAY 8, 2015)

There are no known Telecommunications Hearings scheduled during the current fortnight.

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

There are no known Telecommunications Hearings scheduled beyond the current fortnight.

2015 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
April 27 [‡]	Monday	1:30 p.m.
May 14 [§]	Thursday	11:30 a.m.
June 3	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
June 15	Monday	1:30 p.m.
June 30	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
July 9	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
July 23	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
August 11	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 25	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 10	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
September 24	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
October 7	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
October 22	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 5	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 19	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
December 8	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
December 22	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

[†] Additional meetings of the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) 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).

All meetings of the Commission are open to the public and will be held at the Commission’s new offices, which are located at 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, 48917, unless posted and notified in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Visitors should park in the south side, rear parking lot, which is in the back of the building and enter through the doors posted for “Visitors.” The meeting site is accessible, including handicapped parking. People with disabilities requiring additional accommodations such as information in alternative formats in order to participate in the meeting should contact the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 284-8090.

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 Commission may make an inquiry by calling the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 248-8090.

[‡] On March 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) announced that it’s the April 27, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting will not be held.

[§] On April 23, 2015 the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) announced that its Regular Commission Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2015 will take place at 11:30 a.m. in the Lake Michigan Hearing Room, 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

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