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Connect Michigan Prepares for 3rd Annual Michigan Broadband Conference |

Note: Connect Michigan issued the Press Release below on July 1, 2015. For additional information contact Kasey McCrary at 202-340-5776.

Lansing, MI – Building on the successes of the 2013 and 2014 Conferences, Connect Michigan is pleased to announce that the 2015 Michigan Broadband Conference will be on Tuesday, October 20 at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan. Nationally recognized broadband and technology experts will join local leaders, sector champions, and state innovators to . . .

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. . . discuss best practices and insights into leveraging technology for improved community and economic development, education, digital literacy, healthcare, and workforce development. Actionable information and case studies will be provided to empower participants to work with local stakeholders and broadband providers in their communities to expand technology access, adoption, and use. In 2014, more than 700 participants attended the conference onsite and remotely via live stream.

“The Michigan Broadband Conference provides attendees with a comprehensive overview of the state’s current broadband landscape and complexion by bringing together decision makers,” said Eric Frederick, Connect Michigan’s Executive Director. “This is the ideal technology event for community champions, legislative leaders, sector stakeholders, and technology vendors. The Michigan Broadband Conference is where connections are made, ideas are explored, and best practices are highlighted, and I hope you will be part of the event.”

Each year, Connect Michigan has welcomed keynote speakers including Lt. Governor Brian Calley; Blair Levin, Aspen Institute; Andrew Spurgeon, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA); Cable Green, Creative Commons; Allyson Knox, Microsoft; and Harold Feld, Public Knowledge. The following topics will be discussed during breakout sessions, ensuring there is relevant content for all participants:

- Innovative Solutions for Rural Connectivity
- Ultra-High-Speed Connections in Michigan’s Small Towns
- Cybersecurity Across Your Community
- Technology in Tourism
- Broadband 101
- Decreasing the Digital Divide Among Older Adults
- Community Driven Digital Literacy
- Michigan’s Mobile Industry – Driving Development
- Improving the Online Presence of Michigan’s Small Businesses
- Expanded Educational Opportunities via Technology
- Improving Rural Health Through Technology
- The 21st Century Library

“[The 2014 Michigan Broadband Conference] was the most unique and useful conference that I have ever attended. We need more opportunities for this type of ‘cross-pollination’ of ideas,” according to a 2014 conference attendee.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please contact Eric Frederick, efrederick@connectmi.org, to join our growing list of sponsors: CenturyLink, Clark Hill PLC, COMLINK, Courtland Consulting, Frontier, Library of Michigan, Lynx Network Group, Michigan Farm Bureau, and US Signal.

To register for the 2015 Michigan Broadband Conference, please visit www.connectmi.org/broadband-summit. Discounted early bird tickets are currently available until August 15, 2015.

About Connect Michigan – In partnership with the Michigan Public Service Commission, Connect Michigan is working to ensure that all Michiganders can experience the benefits of broadband. Technology, especially widespread access, adoption, and use, improves quality of life. More at <http://www.connectmi.org>.

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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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 0301 Warren	04/28/2015	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 Senate Committee on Natural Resources.
SB 0336 Schuitmaker	05/15/2015	Law enforcement; other; public safety communications; create Michigan blue alert plan to broadcast information regarding attacks on peace officers. Creates new act.	06/10/2015 Passed Senate, 38 Yays, 0 Nays; Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 0399 Schmidt	06/16/2015	Counties; boards and commissions; permit fee required for a government entity or telecommunication provider working within a county right-of-way; clarify limits, and clarify bonding and insurance requirements for telecommunication providers working within a county right-of-way. Amends sec. 19b, ch. IV of 1909 PA 283 (MCL 224.19b).	Referred to Committee on Local Government.

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 2015 PA 36	01/21/2015	Housing; landlord and tenants; notification of evictions; allow by electronic mail. Amends sec. 5718 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.5718).	05/21/2015 Signed by Gov. Snyder; assigned 2015 PA 36 with immediate effect; 05/12/2015 Passed Senate, 116 Yeas, 26 Nays, 11 Excused, 1 Not Voting; Returned to House without amendments; Ordered Enrolled.
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.
HB 4781 Kosowski	07/14/2015	Education; technology; Internet filtering, technology utilization, and digital citizenship policies and education in schools; require. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1292.	Referred to House Committee on Education.
HB 4791 Zemke	07/15/2015	Education; school districts; policy regulating social media interaction between students and employees; require school districts to adopt and implement. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1319.	Referred to House Committee on Education.

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.

House Resolution # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
HJR N	03/26/2015	Criminal procedure; warrants; search and seizure protections; expand to include electronic communications and seizures. Amends sec. 11, art. I of the state constitution.	05/26/2015 Reported by House Committee on Criminal Justice with recommendation and without amendment; referred to second reading.

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.

Public Act #	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill # and Sponsor
2015 PA 36	05/21/2015	Housing; landlord and tenants; notification of evictions; allow by electronic mail. Amends sec. 5718 of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.5718).	HB 4038 Forlini

ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s offices located at 7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-15519

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Global Communications Network, Inc. f/k/a Castle Wire, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15519>

Application filed June 23, 2015, for approval of a First Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (changes the name from Castle Wire, Inc., to Global Communications Network, Inc.).

On July 9, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the above-listed Interconnection Agreement Amendment.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-17899

Consumer Complaint

Dana Durtka v Comcast

On July 13, 2015, Dana Durtka, of Romulus, Michigan, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against Comcast. According to the Complaint, Ms. Durtka alleges that Comcast overcharged her on an automatic withdrawal from her checking account causing her to bounce a check to the Internal Revenue Service.

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 at the Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-17859

License

Neo Network Development, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17859>

Evidentiary Hearing: Wednesday, July 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will consider the March 17, 2015 Application, as amended on May 19, 2015, of Neo Network Development, Inc., for a temporary and a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas served by AT&T Michigan, Frontier North, Inc., Frontier Midstates, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest – Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. at an evidentiary hearing before Administrative Law Judge Mark E. Cummins on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices located at 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan. Interested parties who wish to intervene in this proceeding must do so by Monday, July 20, 2015.

Case No. U-17891

Show Cause – TRS

CMS Telecom, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17891>

Show Cause Hearing: Tuesday, August 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will hold a Show Cause hearing on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, Michigan, before Administrative Law Judge Martin D. Snider requiring CMC Telecom, Inc. to Show Cause why it should not be held in violation of Section 315 of the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2315.

CMC, Telecom Inc. will be required to respond to the following Staff conclusions that CMC Telecom, Inc. has not complied with MCL 484.2315 and the September 11 Order in the following respects:

- Staff believes that it is likely that CMC customers did not have access to TRS between February 7 and April 7, 2015, and possibly to the present;
- The Commission is not able to determine if CMC Telecom, Inc. is providing TRS to its customers on its own, jointly with other basic local exchange providers, or by contract with other telecommunication providers;
- Staff has concerns about the accuracy of the information that was provided to CMC Telecom, Inc. customers; and,
- From the information that has been provided by CMC Telecom, Inc., it is difficult to determine whether CMC Telecom, Inc. has complied with the order, and whether the company has properly obtained a contract and transitioned to a new relay provider.

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 (JULY 20, 2015 THROUGH JULY 31, 2015)

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

July 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17859/ Evidentiary Hearing
Neo Network Development, Inc. (license)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

August 4, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17891/Show Cause
CMC Telecom (show cause - trs)

August 18, 2015, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17884/Evidentiary Hearing
Peninsula Fiber Network Next Generation Services,
LLC (license)

2015 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
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.

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