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2014 Michigan Broadband Conference |

Building on the overwhelming success of the 2013 Connect Michigan Broadband Conference, Connect Michigan is excited to host the 2014 Connect Michigan Broadband Conference.

Broadband and technology are critical to positioning Michigan at the forefront of the digital economy. Connect Michigan, a non-profit organization tasked with facilitating the expansion of broadband access, adoption, and use throughout the state, will host a broadband and technology conference Wednesday, October 29, 2014. . .

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. . . The 2014 Michigan Broadband Conference will bring together community leaders from education, libraries, economic development, local government, healthcare, and technology sectors to share and learn cross-collaborative best practices for expanding broadband and technology access, adoption, and use and move Michigan to the forefront of the digital economy.

Among the featured speakers at the 2014 Michigan Broadband Conference are expected to be: Eric Frederick, Executive Director of Connect Michigan; John Windhausen, from the Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition; Dr. William Dutton from Michigan State University; Andrew Spurgeon from the US Department of Commerce, NTIA; Cable Green, Director of Global Learning for Creative Commons; Allyson Knox from the US Government Affairs Division at Microsoft; and, Herald Feld from Public Knowledge.

Breakout sessions will be held on the following topics:

- Competitive Edge of Technology in Small Businesses;
- How We Teach and Learn with Technology;
- Mobile Impact on Community Development;
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- Beyond the Classroom: A Library-School Partnership;
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- Education Networks.

The 2014 Michigan Broadband Conference will take place on October 29, 2014, at the Radisson at the Capitol, 111 North Grand Avenue, Lansing, Michigan. Registration is available at: <<http://www.connectmi.org/broadband-summit>>.

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2013 & 2014 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 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 033 Schuitmaker	01/16/2013	Campaign finance; campaign practices; automated campaign telephone calls; require to identify who paid for call. Amends 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.201 - 169.282) by adding sec. 48.	Referred to Senate Committee on Local Government and Elections.
SB 0294 Jones	04/10/2013	Gaming; lottery; sale of lottery tickets; prohibit sale over internet. Amends sec. 9 of 1972 PA 239 (MCL 432.9).	Referred to Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform.
SB 0493 Jones	09/17/2013	Communications; broadcasting; local zoning restrictions for amateur radio; require to conform to federal regulations. Amends 2006 PA 110 (MCL 125.3101 - 125.3702) by adding sec. 205a.	09/17/2014 Reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Energy and Technology with Substitute S-2; referred to Committee of the Whole.
SB 0539 Nofs 2013 PA 173	09/24/2013	Torts; governmental immunity; underground facility damage prevention; define as proprietary function. Amends sec. 7 of 1964 PA 170 (MCL 691.1407). Tie Bar with SB 0540.	12/3/2013 Signed by Governor Snyder; assigned 2013 PA 173 with immediate effect.
SB 0540 Nofs 2013 PA 174	09/24/2013	Public utilities; consumer services; MISS DIG underground facility damage prevention and safety act; create. Creates new act & repeals 1974 PA 53 (MCL 460.701 - 460.718). Tie Bar with SB 0539.	12/3/2013 Signed by Governor Snyder; assigned 2013 PA 174 with immediate effect.
SB 0599 Hansen	10/03/2013	Crimes; criminal sexual conduct; use of internet or computer system to solicit prostitute less than 21 years of age; prohibit. Amends sec. 145d of 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.145d).	Referred to Senate Committee on Families, Seniors, and Human Services.
SB 0636 Nofs 2014 PA 52	10/22/2013	Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for. Amends secs. 304, 310, 313, 315, 317, 320 & 502 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2304 et seq.).	03/27/2014 Signed by Governor Snyder; assigned 2014 PA 52, with immediate effect.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 0734 Caswell	01/08/2014	Holidays; other; "Utility Workers Safety Awareness Day"; designate as December 6. Creates new act.	Referred to Senate Committee on Government Operations.
SB 0824 Pappageorge	02/25/2014	State financing and management; authorities; process for transferring METRO Act authority powers; revise, and provide other general amendments. Amends secs. 2 & 3 of 2002 PA 48 (MCL 484.3102 & 484.3103). Tie Bar with SB 822.	04/01/2014 Signed by Governor Snyder; assigned 2014 PA 88, with immediate effect.
SB 0924 Bieda	05/01/2014	Crimes; other; posting of sexually explicit image of another person on internet with intent to frighten, intimidate, or harass; prohibit, and require removal of sexually explicit images under certain circumstances. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 145e. Tie Bar with SB 0925.	06/04/2014 Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice. 06/03/2014 Substitute S-1 passed Senate, 37 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Excused.
SB 0925 Jones	05/01/2014	Crimes; penalties; penalties for posting sexually explicit image on internet or failing to remove posted sexually explicit image from internet under certain circumstances; provide for. Amends 1931 PA 328 (MCL 750.1 - 750.568) by adding sec. 145f. Tie Bar with SB 0924.	06/04/2014 Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice. 06/03/2014 Substitute S-1 passed Senate, 37 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Excused.
SB 1060 Bieda	09/16/2014	Trade; consumer goods and services; requirement for smartphones to be equipped with antitheft functionality; provide for. Amends sec. 3 of 1976 PA 331 (MCL 445.903) & adds sec. 3j.	Referred to Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform
SB 1089 Jones	09/24/2014	Law enforcement; investigations; disclosure of call location information by wireless providers to requesting law enforcement agency; require. Creates new act.	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Technology.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4011 Heise	01/22/2013	Communications; emergency 9-1-1; recordings from 9-1-1 calls; prohibit disclosure under certain circumstances. Amends sec. 13 of 1976 PA 442 (MCL 15.243)	Referred to House Committee on Oversight.
HB 4032 Geiss	01/22/2013	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.
HB 4237 Haines	02/12/2013	Communications; other; authorized use of Michigan public safety communications system; expand. Amends title & secs. 1, 2 & 3 of 1929 PA 152 (MCL 28.281 et seq.).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 4531 Cotter	04/11/2013	Gaming; lottery; sale of lottery tickets; prohibit sale over internet. Amends sec. 9 of 1972 PA 239 (MCL 432.9).	Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.
HB 4671 Poleski 2013 PA 113	05/02/2013	Communications; emergency 9-1-1; distribution of service charge fees for 9-1-1; revise. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	09/24/2013 Signed by Gov. Synder; assigned 2013 PA 113; with immediate effect.
HB 4702 Franz	05/07/2013	Communications; telecommunications; public service commission report regarding pole attachment rates; require. Amends sec. 6g of 1939 PA 3 (MCL 460.6g).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 4843 Forlini	06/13/2013	Campaign finance; other; automated campaign telephone calls; require to identify entity making or paying for call. Amends 1976 PA 388 (MCL 169.201 - 169.282) by adding sec. 48.	Referred to House Committee on Elections and Ethics.
HB 4853 Walsh	06/20/2013	Communications; emergency 9-1-1; additional PSAPs or secondary PSAPs within a 9-1-1 service district; allow county to designate by resolution. Amend sec. 312 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1312).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 4984 Lori	09/17/2013	Communications; emergency 9-1-1; procedure to determine which public safety service unit is closest to a request for public safety service; modify. Amends secs. 102 & 204 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1102 & 484.1204).	Referred to House Committee on Local Government.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5042 McMillin	10/02/2013	Law enforcement; state police; posting of information concerning speed limit engineering and traffic investigation requests on website; require of state police. Amends sec. 628 of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.628).	Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
HB 5110 Heise	10/29/2013	Law enforcement; investigations; disclosure of call location information by wireless providers to requesting law enforcement agency; require. Creates new act.	02/26/2014 Reported by House Committee on Criminal Justice with recommendation with substitute H-2; referred to second reading..
HB 5246 Rogers	01/28/2014	Criminal procedure; warrants; use of electronic video equipment for issuance of warrants; allow for law enforcement officials. Amends sec. 1, ch. IV of 1927 PA 175 (MCL 764.1).	09/18/2014 Substitute H-2 Reported favorably by Senate Committee on Judiciary; referred to Committee of the Whole.
HB 5260 Shirkey	01/29/2014	Public utilities; other; telephone solicitations regarding electric or natural gas service; require certain disclosures. Amends secs. 9 & 10a of 1939 PA 3 (MCL 460.9 & 460.10a).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 5431 Hobbs	03/26/2014	Education; curriculum; internet safety instruction; require. Amends 1976 PA 451 (MCL 380.1 - 380.1852) by adding sec. 1162.	Referred to House Committee on Education.
HB 5499 Oakes	04/30/2014	Communications; telecommunications; changes made by 2014 PA 52; eliminate. Amends secs. 103, 304, 310, 313, 317, 320 & 502 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2103 et seq.).	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 5710 McMillin	07/16/2014	Law enforcement; investigations; search warrant to be obtained before use of surveillance devices to intercept mobile device information; require. Amends 1966 PA 189 (MCL 780.651 - 780.659) by adding sec. 2b.	Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice.
HB 5712 McMillin	07/16/2014	Law enforcement; other; surveillance device act; create and regulate the use of surveillance devices by police agencies and police officers under certain circumstances. Creates new act.	Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 5735 Shirkey	08/27/2014	Traffic control; traffic regulation; use of a hand-held cellular telephone while operating a vehicle in a posted construction zone; prohibit when workers are present. Amends sec. 602b of 1949 PA 300 (MCL 257.602b).	Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
HB 5845 Irwin	09/23/2014	School aid; foundation allowance; per pupil allocation for cyber schools; reduce by 2/3 beginning in 2014-2015. Amends sec. 20 of 1979 PA 94 (MCL 388.1620).	Referred to House Committee on Appropriations.

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2013 & 2014 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were passed during the current legislative session (2013-2014). 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
2013 PA 113	09/24/2013	Communications; emergency 9-1-1; distribution of service charge fees for 9-1-1; revise. Amends sec. 408 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1408).	HB 4671 Poleski.
2013 PA 173	12/3/2013	Torts; governmental immunity; underground facility damage prevention; define as proprietary function. Amends sec. 7 of 1964 PA 170 (MCL 691.1407).	SB 0539 Nofs
2013 PA 174	12/3/2013	Public utilities; consumer services; MISS DIG underground facility damage prevention and safety act; create. Creates new act & repeals 1974 PA 53 (MCL 460.701 - 460.718).	SB 0540 Nofs
2014 PA 52	03/27/2014	Communications; telecommunications; general amendments; provide for. Amends secs. 304, 310, 313, 315, 317, 320 & 502 of 1991 PA 179 (MCL 484.2304 et seq.).	SB 636 Nofs

Public Act #	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill # and Sponsor
2014 PA 88	04/01/2014	State financing and management; authorities; process for transferring METRO Act authority powers; revise, and provide other general amendments. Amends secs. 2 & 3 of 2002 PA 48 (MCL 484.3102 & 484.3103). Tie Bar with SB 822 (2014 PA 80).	SB 824 Pappageorge

ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Friday, September 26, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-12397

License

Unity Telecom, LLC f/k/a dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=12397>

On September 26, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order rescinding the license of Unity Telecom, LLC, f/k/a dPi-Teleconnect, L.L.C., to provide basic local exchange service in the State of Michigan. On September 16, 2014, Unity Telecom, LLC, f/k/a dPi-Teleconnect, L.L.C. informed the Commission of its intent to surrender the license and stated that it has no customers and has ceased operations in Michigan.

Case No. U-16183

ARM Contribution Adjustment

The Commission’s Own Motion

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=16183>

On September 26, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order adjusting the intrastate switched toll access rate restructuring mechanism (“restructuring mechanism”) contribution factor from 0.540% to 0.680% effective November 14, 2014. 2009 PA 182 required that the Commission create and administer a fund known as the intrastate switched toll access rate restructuring mechanism (“restructuring mechanism”). The restructuring mechanism is funded via “a mandatory monthly contribution by all providers of retail intrastate telecommunications services and all providers of commercial mobile service.” MCL 484.2310(12). In Orders dated February 8, 2011, October 31, 2012, and December 19, 2013 the Commission adjusted the contribution factor to enable the restructuring mechanism to meet its obligations to make provider disbursements and pay administrative costs, and to ensure that a cash reserve equal to one month of disbursements was in place. It has come to the Commission’s attention that the restructuring mechanism is in need of adjustment. According to the Commission, “[d]ue to contributions being lower than anticipated, the monthly disbursements are reducing the cash reserve in order to stop reducing the balance in the fund.” The Commission, through this Order, is increased the contribution percentage to 0.680% in order to collect sufficient funds each month to provide for disbursements and administrative costs without growing or reducing the balance in the fund. The new contribution percentage will go into effect on November 14, 2014 (the day after the November contributions are due). Providers would then be subject to the adjusted contribution percentage beginning with the contributions due December 13, 2014.

Case No. U-17576

ETC

AmeriMex Communications Corporation d/b/a SafetyNet Wireless

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17576>

On September 26, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order granting the March 14, 2014 Application of AmeriMex Communications Corp., d/b/a SafetyNet Wireless, as supplemented on June 11, 2014 and September 4, 2014, designating AmeriMex Communications Corp., d/b/a SafetyNet Wireless an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for purposes of receiving Federal Universal Service Fund (“USF”) support for wireless services.

The Michigan Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) issued the following Minute Action at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-17683

License

Vitcom LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17683>

On October 7, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving a temporary license for Vitcom LLC to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which incumbent local exchange carriers presently provide service. This temporary license will expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying Vitcom LLC’s July 30, 2014 Application, as amended on September 4, 2014, for a permanent license.

Case No. U-17700

Interconnection Agreement

CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. (all d/b/a CenturyLink), and CenturyLink Communications, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17700>

Application filed August 18, 2014, and Amended Application filed September 25, 2014, for approval of An Interconnection Agreement

On October 7, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving the above listed Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17706

License

Hiawatha Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17706>

On October 7, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order approving a temporary license for Hiawatha Telephone Company to alter the geographic area of its license to provide local exchange service to add to its current licensed service area the Brimley exchange that is currently served by its affiliate, Chippewa County Telephone Company. This temporary license will expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying Hiawatha’s September 15, 2014 application for a permanent license amendment.

MPSC MINUTE ACTIONS |

The Michigan Public Service Commission's ("Commission") issued the following Minute Action at its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, September 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Commission's temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-14000

Wireless Emergency Service Costs

Commission's Own Motion (AT&T Michigan)

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

On September 26, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued a Minute Action approving AT&T Michigan's invoice No. 517 R41-0001 067 9 for the period of June 1, 2014, to August 31, 2014, for wireless emergency service costs in the amount of \$128,788.08 recoverable under 2007 PA 165, MCL 484.1408(4)(b), and authorized reimbursement by the Michigan Department of Treasury

The Michigan Public Service Commission's ("Commission") issued the following Minute Action at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission's temporary offices located at 4300 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 October 7, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission issued a Minute Action approving Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc.'s invoice Nos. MI9NGMTS9110914 and MI9NZMTS9110914 for the period of June 1, 2014, to August 31, 2014, 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

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-15727

Interconnection Agreement

Charter Fiberlink – Michigan, LLC and Winn Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15727>

On September 29, 2014, Charter Fiberlink – Michigan, LLC and Winn Telephone Company jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking approval of the First Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the First Amendment adds the call routes between the Riverdale and the Winn exchange to Schedule 1.13 of the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17703

License

KEPS Technologies, Inc. d/b/a ACD.Net and ACD Telecom, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17703>

On October 6, 2014, KEPS Technologies, Inc. d/b/a ACD.Net and ACD Telecom, Inc. filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking temporary and permanent licenses to provide local exchange service in all zone and exchange areas served by

incumbent local exchange carriers in Michigan. According to the Application, KEPS Technologies, Inc. is a Michigan Corporation with headquarters in Lansing, Michigan. The Application is being filed in connection with a transaction not otherwise visible to the public, in which KEPS Technologies, Inc. entered into an agreement to merge with its wholly-owned subsidiary ACD Telecom, Inc. As part of the transaction, KEPS Technologies, Inc. acquired the right to assume and continue to operate under the name ACD Telecom, Inc.

Case No. U-17707

License

Talk America Services, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17707>

On September 29, 2014, Talk America Services, LLC filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking temporary and permanent licenses to provide resold local exchange and interexchange services to residential customers in Michigan. According to the Application, the Application is being filed in connection with a transaction involving Windstream Holdings, Inc. (“Windstream”). Windstream, and certain of its indirect subsidiaries, including Intellifiber Networks, Inc., LDMI Telecommunications, Inc., McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, LLC, PAETEC Communications, Inc., Talk America, Inc., Windstream Communications, Inc., Windstream KDL, Inc., Windstream Norlight, Inc., Windstream NTI, Inc., and Windstream Corporation, are planning to undertake a corporate transaction under which the business will be divided into two independent units: an operating unit that will continue to provide telecommunications and related services, and a real estate investment trust that will hold title to certain distribution plant assets and lease those assets exclusively to the Windstream Companies on a long term basis. Talk America Services, LLC is a newly formed Delaware limited liability company and a subsidiary of Communications Sales and Leasing, Inc. headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Case No. U-17726

ETC

Spirit Air Communications, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17726>

On October 7, 2014, Spirit Air Communications, LLC filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for the purpose of providing Low Income related services, including Lifeline and Link Up, to qualified low-income consumers within its respective service areas in Michigan.

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.

Case No. U-17626

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United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17626>

Comments Due: Wednesday, November 12, 2014

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") has invited interested parties to file comments on the May 19, 2014 Application of United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region, as amended on July 23, 2014 and September 18, 2014, requesting the transfer of the designation as the community resource information and referral answering point, as well as the assignment of the abbreviated telephone number 2-1-1 from various 2-1-1 Call Centers for certain rate centers located primarily within Barry, Ionia, and Montcalm counties to United Way of the Battle Creek and Kalamazoo Region. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Case No. U-17706

License

Hiawatha Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17706>

Comments Due: Friday, October 31, 2014

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") has invited interested parties to file comments on the September 15, 2014 Application of Hiawatha Telephone Company seeking temporary and permanent authority to alter the geographic area of its license to provide local exchange service. Hiawatha Telephone Company requests to add to its current licensed service area the Brimley exchange that is currently served by its affiliate, Chippewa County Telephone Company. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2014.

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 Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-17683

License

Vitcom LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17683>

Evidentiary Hearing: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will consider the July 30, 2014 application, as amended on September 4, 2014 by Vitcom LLC, for a temporary and a permanent

license to provide basic local exchange service and interexchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which incumbent local exchange carriers presently provide service at an Evidentiary Hearing before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan in Lansing, Michigan. Interested parties may intervene in this proceeding by filing a Petition to Intervene no later than Monday, October 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m..

MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, hearings are held in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan, 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 (OCTOBER 13, 2014 THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2014)

October 22, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17682/Evidentiary Hearing
Vitcom, LLC (license)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

November 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17654/Evidentiary Hearing
Midwest Cable Phone of Michigan, LLC (license)

December 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Motion Hearing
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
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Communications LLC (intercarrier compensation)

December 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Evidentiary Hearing
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December 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
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2014 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
October 16	Thursday	11:00 a.m. [‡]
October 23	Thursday	1:30 p.m.[‡]
November 6	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 21	Friday	1:30 p.m.
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December 18	Thursday	1:30 p.m.

[†] Additional 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).

All meetings of the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) are open to the public. Until further notice, all meetings will be held at the Commission’s temporary offices, which are located at 4300 W. Saginaw St., Lansing, MI 48917, unless posted and notified in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. 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) 241-6160.

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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