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#### Sprint Rolls Out 4G LTE in More Cities |

40 new LTE markets spike total coverage to 340 markets

Note: Sprint issued the following press release on January 27, 2014. For additional information contact Heather Wong at 949-748-3416 or at <heather.wong@sprint.com>

OVERLAND PARK, Kan., January 27, 2014 – Sprint (NYSE:S) stepped up its 4G LTE rollout, announcing today the availability of LTE service in 40 more markets nationwide – for a total of 340 markets spanning the country. . . .

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“We are making great strides towards achieving nationwide scale with 4G LTE. The momentum we have demonstrates our commitment to provide an exceptional wireless experience for our customers,” said Bob Azzi, chief network officer. “Today we are well underway with our build-out and delivering faster data speeds to our customers in more places where they live, work and play.”



Including the new cities in today’s announcement, Sprint 4G LTE is now available in 340 markets. Today’s additions include Midland and Owosso, Michigan.

**An Enhanced Wireless Experience**

Over the past few years, Sprint has been working on a complete upgrade of its network to meet the growing demand by customers for mobile data, especially video. In fact, more than six billion hours of video are watched each month on YouTube, 50 percent more than last year<sup>1</sup>. To keep up with the demand, Sprint is building an all-new network to handle the heavy data loads. The new network includes:

- **3G network enhancements** – Improves coverage, network reliability and voice quality
- **4G LTE** – Increases data speeds
- **High Definition (HD) Voice** – A next-generation technology for mobile phones where background noise is virtually eliminated and sound quality is dramatically enhanced.<sup>2</sup>
- **Sprint Spark™** – Delivers peak data speeds of 60Mbps. Sprint Spark, which is expected to be available in about 100 of America’s largest cities in the next three years, enables customers with capable devices to take full advantage of today’s mobile technology advances, such as online gaming, virtual reality, advanced cloud services and other high-bandwidth applications.

For more information about Sprint’s Network Vision rollout, visit <http://www.sprint.com/network>.

Tweet: I’m a fan! #Sprint4GLTE in 40 new markets, now covering 340 cities. <http://www.sprint.com/network>.

About Sprint: Sprint offers a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications services bringing the freedom of mobility to consumers, businesses and government users. Sprint served more than 54 million customers at the end of the third quarter of 2013 and is widely recognized for developing, engineering and deploying innovative technologies, including the first wireless 4G service from a national carrier in the United States; offering industry-leading mobile data services, leading prepaid brands including Virgin Mobile USA, Boost Mobile, and Assurance Wireless; instant national and international push-to-talk capabilities; and a global Tier 1 Internet backbone. The American Customer Satisfaction Index rated Sprint as the most improved company in customer satisfaction, across all 47 industries, during the last five years. You can learn more and visit Sprint at <http://www.sprint.com> or <http://www.facebook.com/sprint> and <http://www.twitter.com/sprint>.


<sup>1</sup> YouTube Statistics <<http://www.youtube.com/yt/press/statistics.html>>.

<sup>2</sup> HD Voice capability requires call between two Sprint HD Voice-capable devices on upgraded areas of the Sprint network.

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## **NEC and 123.Net Certify Compatibility of IP Business Phone Systems with 123.Net SIP Services |**

Note: NEC Corporation of America and 123.Net issued the following press release on February 3, 2013. For additional information, contact Frank Puglia at NEC Corporation, 214-262-3767 or at <[frank.puglia@necam.com](mailto:frank.puglia@necam.com)> or Shannon Dolan at 123.Net at 248-228-8218 or at <[sdolan@123.net](mailto:sdolan@123.net)>

IRVING, Texas & SOUTHFIELD, Mich. – NEC Corporation of America (NEC), a leading provider and integrator of advanced IT, communications, managed services and biometric solutions and 123.Net, Inc. announced today the completion of interoperability certification of 123.Net’s SIP trunking solution with NEC’s IP business communication systems -- the UNIVERGE SV8100, SV8300 and SL1100. 

“123.Net SIP interoperability certification provides enterprises the interoperability of NEC’s advanced communication solutions with a high-quality telecommunications provider”

“123.Net SIP interoperability certification provides enterprises the interoperability of NEC’s advanced communication solutions with a high-quality telecommunications provider,” said Larry Levenberg, NEC vice president of sales and marketing. “NEC Dealers can now offer their customers 123.Net SIP services, a cost-effective, easy-to-deploy and easy-to-manage solution as part of their business communication systems.”

“123.Net can enthusiastically recommend NEC phone systems to our customers and they can be assured of a smooth transition from their existing system,” said Kyle McKinley, network operations manager for 123.Net Inc. “This also gives NEC’s dealers in Michigan a comprehensive SIP solution that is extremely easy to roll out.”

“We have a proven track record for seamless deployment of our services. For us, collaborating with providers like NEC is a great way to ensure we continue to meet or exceed our client’s expectations,” said Dave Curran, channel sales manager for 123.Net Inc.

Benefits of 123.Net SIP services:

- Dynamic allocation of voice traffic avoids wasted bandwidth during periods of no or low call volume.
- 123.Net SIP trunks are delivered only over 123.Net data connections, allowing the company to provide an unmatched quality of service.
- SIP trunks can be delivered over T1’s, fiber, Ethernet over copper or Gigabit Metro Wireless circuits, allowing businesses to seamlessly deploy voice services over any connection.

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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.	Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Technology.
SB 0539 Nofs	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 Synder; assigned 2013 PA 173 with immediate effect.
SB 0540 Nofs	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 Synder; 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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 0636 Nofs	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.).	12/12/2013 Placed on Third Reading in House.; 12/11/2013 Reported from House Committee on Energy and Technology with amendments..
SB 734 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 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 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	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.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
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.	Referred to House Committee on Criminal Justice.
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).	Referred to House Committee on Judiciary.

## **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.

<b>Public Act #</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Enrolled Bill # and Sponsor</b>
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

## **ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |**

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued the following Orders at its regularly scheduled meeting held on Monday, February 3, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

### **Case No. U-17527**

**Consumer Complaint - Cable**

**Jeffrey Clark v Comcast of the South, Inc.**

On February 3, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order dismissing, with prejudice, the December 13, 2013 Complaint of Jeffrey Clark against Comcast of the South, Inc. On January 27, 2014, Mr. Clark requested to withdraw the Complaint with prejudice.

### **Case No. U-17550**

**Interconnection Agreement**

**Voxbeam Telecommunications, Inc. and AT&T Michigan**

**<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17550>**

**Application filed January 14, 2014, for approval of an Interconnection Agreement.**

On February 3, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approved the Interconnection Agreement listed above.

## **APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |**

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Case No. U-17561

License

Wide Voice, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17561>

On February 3, 2014, Wide Voice, LLC filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zone and exchange areas in which Frontier North Inc., Frontier Midstates Inc., and AT&T Michigan are the incumbent local exchange carriers. According to the Application, Wide Voice, LLC is a Nevada Corporation headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada.

## **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.

*No Telecommunications Notices of Opportunities to Comment are currently pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission.*

## **NOTICES OF HEARINGS |**

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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.

*No Telecommunications Notices of Hearing are currently pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission.*

## **MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |**

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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 (FEBRUARY 17, 2014 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2014)**

*There are no known Telecommunications hearings scheduled during the upcoming fortnight before the Michigan Public Service Commission*



## FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

March 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
Case No. U-17512/Evidentiary Hearing  
Midwest Energy Cooperative, d/b/a Midwest  
Connections (license)

### **2014 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES<sup>†</sup> |**

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<u>MONTH &amp; DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
February 20	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
March 4	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
March 18	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
April 1	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
April 15	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
April 30	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.
May 13	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
June 6	Friday	1:30 p.m.
June 24	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
July 8	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
July 22	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 5	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 19	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 9	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 23	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
October 7	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
October 23	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 6	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 21	Friday	1:30 p.m.
December 4	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
December 18	Thursday	1:30 p.m.

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<sup>†</sup> 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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