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MPSC Opens Docket for 2014 Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Filings |

On January 13, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Telecommunications Division opened docket U-17545 for the purpose of receiving all Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) filings pertaining to Lifeline/Tribal Link-Up, High Cost, and Connect America Fund I and II, as required by the Federal Communications Commission for 2014, including Form 481 filings pertaining to the Michigan recertification process. . . .

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...In a notice sent to all ETCs, the Commission Telecommunications Division (“Telecommunications Division”) directed that all ETC filings be made in this docket by the appropriate deadlines. The Telecommunications Division has asked that Carriers use the following caption in making filings in this proceeding: Note: The file caption should be as follows:

In the matter, on the Commission’s)
Own Motion, to receive eligible) Case No. U-17545
telecommunications carrier)
filings for 2014.)

The Telecommunications Division also cautioned, that in order to avoid a delay, all appropriate documents, such as interconnection agreements and tariffs, should be up to date. MPSC Case No. U-17545 is designated a paperless electronic case. Documents filed in this case may be submitted electronically through the Commission’s E-Dockets System. Documents may also be submitted in Word or PDF format as an attachment to an email sent to mpscdockets@michigan.gov. If you require assistance, contact Commission staff at (517) 241-6170 or by e-mail at mpscdockets@michigan.gov. All information submitted to the Commission in this matter will become public information available on the Commission’s website and subject to disclosure.

Carriers unable to take advantage of the electronic case filing service, or those who wish to file any confidential documents, may send an original paper copy to:

Ms. Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary
Michigan Public Service Commission
4300 West Saginaw Highway
P.O. Box 30221
Lansing MI 48909
Telephone: 517.241.6160
Fax: 517.241.6181

The Telecommunications Division has asked that questions regarding this docket and ETC filings be directed to Jennifer Boyd in the Telecommunications Division at (517) 241-9795 or by email at [<boydj3@michigan.gov>](mailto:boydj3@michigan.gov).

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MPSC Announced 2014 Meeting Dates |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has announced the following schedule for its 2014 Regular Commission Meeting Dates:

<u>MONTH & DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
January 8	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
January 23	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
February 3	Monday	4:00 p.m.

<u>MONTH & 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.

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.

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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.
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..

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.

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.
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.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.

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

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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 Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-15607 **Interconnection Agreement**
DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company, and AT&T Michigan
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15607>
Application filed December 17, 2013, for approval of a Fifteenth Amendment to an Interconnection Agreement (changes the name of “DIECA Communications, Inc., d/b/a Covad Communications Company” to “MegaPath Corporation”).

On January 8, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) approved the Interconnection Agreement Amendment listed above.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-17543 **Consumer Complaint: Cable**
Kurt and Renee Thelen v Charter Communications

On January 3, 2014, Kurt and Renee Thelen, of Caledonia, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against Charter Communications alleging that Charter will not install cable in their subdivision, despite numerous requests to do so. The Complaint states that Charter’s franchise agreement with Leighton Township requires installation of cable in their subdivision.

Case No. U-17544 **Consumer Complaint: Cable**
Donna Richardson v Comcast or Xfinity Cable Company

On January 3, 2014, Donna Richardson, of Pontiac, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against Comcast or Xfinity Cable Company (collectively, “Comcast”) alleging that while her credit card company is showing that she is being billed for payments on her cable account, Comcast is not posting said payments to her cable account.

Case No. U-17550 **Interconnection Agreement**
AT&T Michigan and Voxbeam Telecommunications Inc.
<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17550>

On January 14, 2014, AT&T Michigan and Voxbeam Telecommunications jointly filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) an Interconnection Agreement Amendment for approval.

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.

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

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.

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

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 (JANUARY 21, 2014 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2014)

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

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

There are no known additional Telecommunications hearings scheduled before the Michigan Public Service Commission.

2014 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

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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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