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Merit Completes REACH-3MC Fiber-Optic Infrastructure Project |

Note: Merit Network, Inc. issued the following press-release on October 21, 2014. For additional information contact Elwood Downing at (734)527-5702 or at <edowning@merit.edu>.

Ann Arbor, Mich. — Merit Network today announced the completion of the REACH-3MC fiber-optic infrastructure project, which has built 2,287 miles of fiber-optic infrastructure across Michigan and in parts of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Engineers have finished splicing the remaining fiber in the Keweenaw Peninsula, connecting community anchor institutions in Hancock and Calumet, Michigan. . . .

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... “With this last effort, all of the community anchor institutions are now connected to the network,” said Bob Stovall, vice president of network operations and engineering for Merit.

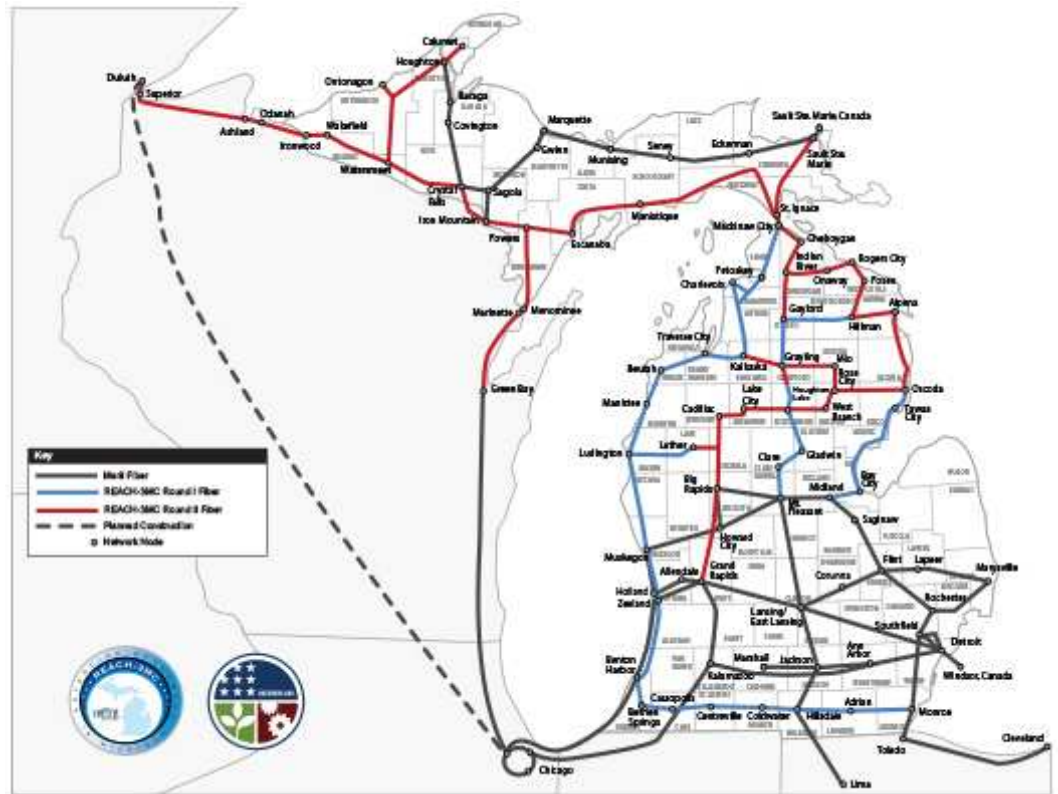
Merit has connected 141 community anchor institutions, which includes schools, libraries, health care, government, and public safety. 70 additional organizations were also connected to the network by constructing last-mile fiber to the network. Each connection is a minimum of 1 gigabit-per-second (“Gbps”), providing broadband speeds to previously unserved or underserved parts of Michigan.

“We are very proud of this tremendous accomplishment,” said Don Welch, president and CEO of Merit. “The REACH infrastructure will provide real benefit to our members and Michigan for many years. Personally, this will be something I can look back on and feel that I have really made a difference.”

Merit began the REACH-3MC (Rural, Education, Anchor, Community and Healthcare - Michigan Middle Mile Collaborative) project in January 2010 after receiving a stimulus grant through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (“BTOP”), which was funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (“ARRA”). Merit received a second stimulus grant in August 2010.

Construction on the REACH-3MC project started in December 2010, and at its peak, 40 construction crews were working simultaneously in parts of Michigan. Work on Round I of the REACH-3MC project in the Lower Peninsula was completed in April 2013. With the lighting of the remaining Round II fiber, Merit has completed 2,287 miles of fiber-optic infrastructure, which is the equivalent of travelling from Ann Arbor to Orlando, Florida.

Merit now has redundant 10 Gbps routes in the Upper Peninsula that provide reliable connectivity to public universities, private colleges, K-12 institutions, health care organizations, libraries, and more. In addition,



there are now three exit routes for traffic in the Upper Peninsula: through Superior, Wisconsin; through Green Bay, Wisconsin; and across the Straits of Mackinac to Mackinaw City.

In the Lower Peninsula, there is now significantly more fiber available. The southern and western counties now have fiber-optic infrastructure from Monroe to Berrien Springs to Traverse City and Mackinaw City. Northern counties that were previously underserved now feature redundant fiber routes, stretching along the sunrise coast of Lake Huron and across to Gaylord, Grayling, Houghton Lake and Indian River.

“The Upper and Lower Peninsulas now have more opportunities. The project has made communities, like Hillsdale, a hub of opportunities. Hillsdale was once a remote location with limited connections. The community now has four fiber connections,” Stovall said. “We also built a 1 Gbps fiber ring around Lake Charlevoix, which benefits Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan. There are now two paths out of Charlevoix, which create a resilient, high-capacity network for future growth. This project is a foundation for Michigan, much like the interstate highway system. More work is needed to truly reach every community in Michigan. More laterals are needed to connect more communities to the REACH-3MC infrastructure.”

As part of the economic development component of the project, Merit worked with seven commercial providers to provide service to homes and businesses along the REACH-3MC routes. ACD.net, Boardman River Communications, Great Lakes Comnet, Lynx Network Group, Packerland Broadband, Peninsula Fiber Network, and TC3.net participated on the project and own strands of fiber on the REACH-3MC network.

After almost four years of hard work and dedication, Merit has increased its fiber-optic backbone by 59 percent, growing from 1,700 miles to over 3,900 miles. Merit’s network supports the needed bandwidth requirements for K-12 education, higher education, health care, government, and other non-profit organizations.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Michigan,” said Elwood Downing, vice president of membership outreach and engagement at Merit. “It has been extremely rewarding to work with so many communities across the state and to see how this infrastructure has improved the quality of life within the communities.”

About Merit Network – Merit Network, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation owned and governed by Michigan’s public universities. Merit owns and operates America’s longest-running regional research and education network. In 1966, Michigan’s public universities created Merit as a shared resource to help meet their common need for networking assistance. Since its formation, Merit Network has remained on the forefront of research and education networking expertise and services. Merit provides high-performance networking and IT solutions to Michigan’s public universities, colleges, K-12 organizations, libraries, state government, healthcare, and other non-profit organizations.

For more information: <<http://www.merit.edu/>>

About REACH-3MC – The REACH Michigan Middle Mile Collaborative (REACH-3MC) will build 2,287 miles of open-access, advanced fiber-optic network through rural and underserved communities in Michigan’s Lower and Upper Peninsulas. The network will also provide backhaul to key connection points in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Led by Merit Network, Michigan’s research and education network, REACH-3MC includes sub-recipients from the private sector to make broadband readily available to households and businesses that lack adequate service options in the 52 counties

that make up the project service area. REACH-3MC is funded by two grants (Round I and Round II) from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), commonly referenced as the Stimulus Package.

For more information: <<http://www.merit.edu/meritformichigan>>.

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123Net Welcomes Michigan Network Services |

Note: 123Net, Inc. issued the following press-release on October 9, 2014.

Southfield, Mich., Oct. 9, 2014 – 123Net Inc., one of Michigan’s largest telecommunications and Internet service providers, announced today that it has welcomed Michigan Network Services, LLC. (“MNS”) into the 123Net family.

“We are excited about incorporating Michigan Network Services into our network. We’re going to take good care of all MNS customers and ensure they get the attention and support they need through the transition and beyond,” said Dan Irvin, 123Net’s chief executive officer. “We have had an opportunity to meet with a few of their customers already, and they are interested in the additional capabilities 123Net has to offer. By continuing their relationship with 123Net, they will now have access to our extensive fiber network, our data centers and, our wireless products. Additionally, they gain the stability that comes with a company that has been around for 19 years.”

123Net serves thousands of businesses in Metro Detroit, Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Flint, Lansing, and Grand Rapids. 123Net’s network includes over 2,500 route miles of fiber, 40+ high speed fixed wireless towers across the state and four world-class data centers. The company has experienced dramatic growth in recent years via investing in its proprietary network and through strategic acquisitions.

Michigan Network Services was founded in 2006 as a Regional Service Provider in Southwestern Michigan. Their clients consist of a diverse customer base that focuses primarily on managed wholesale services. “MNS customers will benefit from 123Net’s growing network, dedicated customer support, and the type of business solutions they can offer,” said John Lodden of Michigan Network Services. “I have worked with 123Net since they started back in 1995 and look forward to continuing our relationship.”

Michigan Network Service customers can call 866.460.3503 or visit www.123.net for more information or to have specific questions answered.

About 123Net – 123Net is a Michigan business, privately owned and managed by a team of accomplished executives with strong engineering backgrounds and proven success. Headquartered in Southfield, Michigan, 123Net has been successfully providing voice, data, and colocation infrastructure services to enterprises, carriers, ISPs, and technology companies for over 15 years.

123Net currently operates a 100Gbps+ IP network connected to multiple global transit carriers, including Level 3, Savvis, Cogent, Comcast, Verizon, XO and others. Four metro fiber rings and long-haul fiber networks span over 2,500 route miles and covers over 70 nodes across Michigan.

For more information, please visit <<http://www.123.net>>.

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.	10/22/2014 Substitute S-2 passed Senate, 36 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Not Voting.
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 Synder; 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 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 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 2014 PA 88	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 Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

Case No. U-11830

Performance Measures

Ameritech Michigan n/k/a AT&T Michigan

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=11830>

On October 16, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order extending the performance measures and benchmarks to be used in reviewing the compliance of Ameritech Michigan, now known as AT&T Michigan, with its obligation to provide nondiscriminatory access to its facilities and services, including unbundled network elements (“UNEs”), to competitive local exchange carriers (“CLECs”). The performance measures had been established on May 27, 1999 and had last been reviewed by the Commission on October 31, 2012. The performance measures were set to expire on December 31, 2014. “On October 2, 2014, AT&T Michigan filed a report on the 2014 performance measures and remedy plan collaborative review. In its report, AT&T Michigan states that during a conference call, AT&T Michigan and the participating CLECs reached consensus that the current performance measures should continue without change and the current remedy plan should be extended, without change through December 31, 2016. AT&T Michigan and the CLECs will incorporate this change into their respective interconnection agreements and submit those for Commission approval.” The Commission’s Order accepted this report and extended the performance measures through December 31, 2016.

Case No. U-17720

Consumer Complaint

Larry Williams v Comcast of Detroit

On October 16, 2014, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an order dismissing, with prejudice, the September 22, 2014 Complaint of Larry Williams against Comcast of Detroit. On October 9, 2014, Mr. Williams filed a request to withdraw the Complaint.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-13302

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Bullseye Telecom, Inc.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13302>

On October 20, 2014, AT&T Michigan and Bullseye Telecom, Inc., jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of the Tenth Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Tenth Amendment further extends the term of the Eighth Amendment pertaining to the current Commission approved and ordered Performance Measures and Remedies Plan, to December 31, 2016.

Case No. U-13175

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and XO Communications Services, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=13175>

On October 16, 2014, AT&T Michigan and XO Communications Services, LLC jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of the Twenty-seventh Amendment to their Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Twenty-Seventh Amendment modifies the recurring and nonrecurring rates, terms, and conditions for ANI/ALI/SR and Database Management services; revises information in Notices Section 29.10; and, changes the carrier name in the Interconnection Agreement from XO Communications Services, Inc. to XO Communications Services, LLC.

Case No. U-15092

Interconnection Agreement

Waldron Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15092>

On October 9, 2014, Waldron Telephone Company and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC 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 applies a bill-and-keep arrangement to all Intra-MTA traffic between the Parties.

Case No. U-17729

Interconnection Agreement

Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC and Blanchard Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17729>

On October 16, 2014, Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC and Blanchard 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 Lakeview and Weidman exchanges and the Blanchard exchange to the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17730

Interconnection Agreement

Charter Fiberlink - Michigan, LLC and Winn Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17730>

On October 16, 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 Winn exchanges to the Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17736

License

Lennon Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17736>

On October 17, 2014, Lennon Telephone Company, filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) 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 New Lothrop exchange that is currently served by CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink.

Case No. U-17737

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Big River Telephone Company

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17737>

On October 15, 2014, AT&T Michigan and Big River Telephone Company jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of a Traffic Termination Interconnection Agreement.

Case No. U-17738

Consumer Complaint

Randy Case v Frontier

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17738>

On October 20, 2014, Randy Case, of Parma, Michigan, filed a formal Complaint with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) against Frontier. According to the Complaint, Mr. Case alleges that Frontier overcharged, harassed and disconnected his service.

Case No. U-17740

Interconnection Agreement

AT&T Michigan and Wide Voice, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17740>

On October 22, 2014, AT&T Michigan and Wide Voice, LLC jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking approval of an Interconnection Agreement. According to the Application, the Interconnection Agreement is an adoption, pursuant to 47 USC § 252(i) of the September 12, 2012 Interconnection Agreement by and between AT&T Michigan and TC3 Telecom, Inc. approved by the Commission in Docket No. U-17118.

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-17654

License

Midwest Cable Phone of Michigan, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17654>

Evidentiary Hearing: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will consider the June 17, 2014 application, of Midwest Cable Phone of Michigan, LLC, for a license to provide basic local exchange

service in specific geographic areas in the state of Michigan as defined in the Application at an Evidentiary Hearing before Administrative Law Judge Mark E. Cummins on Wednesday, November 12, 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, November 10, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Case No. U-17683

License

Vitcom LLC

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

Evidentiary Hearing: Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 11:00 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 Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 11:00 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 Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. NOTE: This hearing was rescheduled from October 22, 2014.

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October 28, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Motion Hearing
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
Comnet, Inc. v Level 3 Communications LLC,
Global Crossing Local Services Inc., and Witel
Communications LLC (intercarrier compensation)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

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

November 20, 2014, 11:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17683/Evidentiary Hearing
Vitcom, LLC (license)

December 1, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Motion Hearing
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
Comnet, Inc. v Level 3 Communications LLC,
Global Crossing Local Services Inc., and Witel
Communications LLC (intercarrier compensation)

December 2, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Evidentiary Hearing
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
Comnet, Inc. v Level 3 Communications LLC,
Global Crossing Local Services Inc., and Witel
Communications LLC (intercarrier compensation)

December 3, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17660/Evidentiary Hearing
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
Comnet, Inc. v Level 3 Communications LLC,
Global Crossing Local Services Inc., and Witel
Communications LLC (intercarrier compensation)

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