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RF Connect LLC Marks 10 Years of Strong Growth and Market Penetration |

Since its inception in 2004 the company has successfully designed and deployed over 1500 in-building wireless projects nationwide

NOTE: RF Connect issued the following Press Release on December 20, 2014. For additional information contact Jeff Hipchen at (248) 489-5800 ext. 604 or at <jdh@rfconnect.com>.

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich., Dec. 30, 2014 – RF Connect, a premier provider of wireless systems and services for organizations across the nation, recently passed the 10-year mark in its company history. Financially stable from day one, the . . .

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Orders |

The Michigan Public Service Commission has not issued any telecommunications Orders during the most recent fortnight.

Applications & Complaints |

No known telecommunications Applications or Complaints have been filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission during the most recent fortnight.

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. . . privately held company continues to grow and prosper in the dynamic Wireless market.

The company prides itself in being a well-respected national business partner for all major equipment manufacturers, a certified solutions provider for the major carriers and for having one of the best engineering and project management organizations in the industry. The company offers turnkey design, deployment and maintenance services for cellular, Wi-Fi, public safety radio and point-to-point wireless systems. It has state of the art RF survey and design tools and utilizes proprietary methods to distinguish itself from the competition.

George F. Riley, founder of Clover Technologies, a company acquired by SBC now AT&T and RF Connect's Chairman said, "RF Connect's success is based on integrity, hard work, and investing in the best people, tools, training, and processes."

RF Connect's President, Leonard A. Kruszewski commented, "Great people, innovation, solid business practices and discipline to execute on time and on budget are and will continue to be the company's greatest strengths."

About RF Connect – RF Connect <www.rfconnect.com> is a national leader in the design and deployment of high performance wireless networks. The company has designed and deployed thousands of indoor and outdoor systems in hi-profile venues such as hospitals, airports, campuses, stadiums, arenas and tunnels. Whether single or multi- carrier cellular, Wi-Fi, LTE, Public Safety, or virtually any other wireless technology, RFC provides intelligent, efficient solutions to meet the needs of even the most complex venues.

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2013 & 2014 LEGISLATION |

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The Michigan Legislature has now adjourned, *sine die*, ending the 2013-14 Legislative session. Any bills listed below that were not enrolled during this session have now expired.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
SB 0033 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.	12/18/2014 Ordered Enrolled and given immediate effect; Passed House; 109 Yeas, 0 Nays; 12/09/2014 Reported by House Committee on Energy and Technology with recommendation without amendment.
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.

Senate Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
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.	12/10/2014 Referred to Committee of the Whole with Substitute S-1.

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.).	12/18/2014 Bill Ordered Enrolled, with immediate effect, Substitute S-1 passed House 108 Yeas, 2 Nays; 12/17/2014 Substitute S-1 Passed the Senate, 36 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Excused, 1 Not Voting; Returned to House.
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. Snyder; 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.

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

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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.
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.
HB 5896 Talib	11/06/2014	Communications; video services; alternative cable providers; ensure access to excess cable equipment capacity in multiple dwellings. Creates new act.	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 5897 Talib	11/06/2014	Property; condemnation; relocation assistance; clarify inapplicability to persons affected by multiple-dwelling cable communications access act. Amends sec. 11 of 1972 PA 227 (MCL 213.331). Tie Bar with HB 5896.	Referred to House Committee on Energy and Technology.
HB 6071 Kosowski	12/03/2014	Communications; telecommunications; public notice; revise to make reference to the local government public notice act. Amends secs. 308 & 505 of 1986 PA 32 (MCL 484.1308 & 484.1505). Tie Bar with HB 5560.	Referred to House Committee on Local Government.

2015 & 2016 LEGISLATION |

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To date, no legislation has been introduced during the 2015-16 legislative session.

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
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 has not issued any telecommunications Orders during the most recent fortnight.

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

No known telecommunications Applications or Complaints have been filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission during the most recent fortnight.

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-17749

License

Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17749>

Comments Due: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") has invited interested parties to file comments on the November 18, 2014 Application of Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC, as amended on November 20, 2014, seeking to alter the geographic area of its license to provide local exchange service to include service in all current incumbent local exchange areas. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

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 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan.

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>

Evidentiary Hearing: Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") will consider the October 6, 2014 Application of KEPS Technologies, Inc., d/b/a ACD.Net and ACD Telecom, Inc., for a temporary and permanent license to provide local exchange service in all zone and exchange areas served by incumbent local exchange carriers in the state of Michigan, at an evidentiary hearing to be held before Administrative Law Judge Dennis Mack at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at the Commission's offices at 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan. Interested parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Case No. U-17707

License

Talk America Services, LLC

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

Evidentiary Hearing: Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) will consider the September 29, 2014 Application of Talk America Services, LLC, for a temporary and permanent license to provide local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan, at an evidentiary hearing to be held before Administrative Law Judge Sharon Feldman at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at the Commission’s offices at 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan. Interested parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2015.

Case No. U-17745

License

AirNorth Communications, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17745>

Evidentiary Hearing: Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) will consider the November 12, 2014 Application of AirNorth Communications, Inc., for a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in the incumbent geographic territories of AT&T Michigan, Frontier North, Inc., Frontier Midstates, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel Midwest-Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc., in the state of Michigan, at an evidentiary hearing to be held before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne D. Sonneborn at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at the Commission’s offices at 7109 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, Michigan. Interested parties wishing to intervene in this proceeding must do so no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2015.

MPSC HEARINGS SCHEDULE |

Note: Unless indicated otherwise, hearings are held at the Michigan Public Service Commission’s new offices at 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan. Hearing dates and times are subject to change or cancellation. Please check with the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 241-6160 to confirm that a hearing will be taking place.

KNOWN TELECOMMUNICATIONS HEARINGS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT (JANUARY 5, 2015 THROUGH JANUARY 16, 2015)

January 7, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-17703/Evidentiary Hearing

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

January 8, 2015, 10:00 a.m.

Case No. U-17745/Evidentiary Hearing

AirNorth Communications (license)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

January 22, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

Case No. U-17707/Evidentiary Hearing

Talk America Services, LLC (license)

2015 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES |

The Michigan Public Service Commission has yet to announce the dates for its 2015 Regularly Scheduled Meetings.

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