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Detroit Internet Exchange Launches |

Note: 123.Net issued the Press Release below on March 31, 2015.

Southfield, MI, March 31, 2015 – Detroit is the latest major US city to establish an Internet Exchange Point (IXP) (“DET-IX”) bringing faster speeds, more bandwidth and lower costs for service providers across the state.

“The Detroit Internet Exchange is the culmination of our efforts over the past several years to ensure best in class connectivity in the metro Detroit region,” said Dan Irvin, CEO at 123.Net which houses the DET-IX. “Detroit now has the . . .

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... infrastructure to consider itself among the best connected locations on the planet. DET-IX offers numerous benefits to Michigan’s established business community and will help attract and retain new tech businesses. It’s an important milestone in the ongoing development of our state’s high-tech economy.”

The DET-IX launches with nine members, including: 123.Net, A2 Hosting, Active Solutions Group, Clear Rate Communications, MojoHost, Evolved Servers, LightSpeed Communications, ManagedWay, and Nexcess.net. While other major IXPs charge for interconnection, DET-IX is providing 1G and 10G switch ports free of charge. DET-IX is available at 123.Net’s 100,000 sq ft. carrier-neutral building located in Southfield, MI.

“ISPs, Carriers and content providers will benefit by reduced costs, lower latency and better throughput to other DET-IX members,” said Ryan Duda, 123.net CTO. “Major metropolitan areas have been establishing IXP for years. It’s now our turn to improve Internet connectivity and stability for Michigan.”

The DET-IX switching fabric consists of multiple high capacity switches interconnected together. DET-IX members connect via 1G or a 10G port. In turn, the members can pass traffic directly between one another, rather than purchasing through a third party provider. Further, the traffic stays local via the IXP as opposed to being routed in another major city. Performance increases while cost decreases.

Irvin noted that only organizations with an ASN (autonomous system number) are eligible to participate on the DET-IX. It’s estimated that Michigan has hundreds of eligible members who can benefit from the free exchange. By comparison, the world’s largest Internet exchange is AMS-IX (Amsterdam Internet Exchange) with approximately 700 members.

Prior to the opening of the new DET-IX, much of Detroit’s data had to be routed through other exchanges. In most cases, that meant Chicago. Data from one Detroit business often went through Chicago before being re-routed back to another Detroit location creating unnecessary cost and delays.

For more information, visit 123.Net or call 800.227.1957

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

123.Net currently operates a 100Gbps+ IP network connected to multiple global transit carriers, including Cogent, Comcast, GTT, Level 3, Savvis, TeliaSonera, Verizon, XO Communications and others. Four metro fiber rings and long-haul fiber networks span 2,700 route miles and cover 70 nodes across Michigan.

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State Bar of Michigan Luncheon with MPSC |

On May 12, 2015, the Administrative & Regulatory Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan will host its annual Luncheon with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“MPSC”). The luncheon will take place at the University Club of Michigan State University. Members of the MPSC, Administrative Law Judges from the Michigan Administrative Hearing System, and key MPSC staff will be present.

The featured speaker for the luncheon will be Michigan State Senator Mike Nofs. Senator Nofs represents the 19th District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County. Senator Nofs serves as Chair of the Energy and Technology Committee and Vice Chair of the Banking and Financial Institutions Committee. Prior to being elected to the Senate in a 2009 special election, Senator Nofs served 6 years in the State House of Representatives where he was instrumental in the rewrite of the Michigan Telecommunications Act and the passage of the Michigan Energy Plan package of bills.

The cost of the luncheon is \$20 for members of the Administrative & Regulatory Law Section and \$40.00 for non-members. The registration deadline is May 7, 2015. For registration information, please contact the State Bar of Michigan at (517) 346-6300. For further information about the luncheon, please contact Richard Aaron at raaron@dykema.com or (517) 374-9198.

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2015 & 2016 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 Website, <<http://www.michiganlegislature.org/>>, or from the Legislative Service Bureau Document Room at (517) 373-0169.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4006 Heise	01/15/2015	Law enforcement; investigations; disclosure of call location information by wireless providers to requesting law enforcement agency; require. Creates new act.	02/18/2015 Substitute H-1 reported with recommendation by House Committee on Criminal Justice; referred to second reading.
HB 4291 Love	03/04/2015	Environmental protection; recycling; consumer electronic waste; expand to include cellular telephones and tablet computers. Amends secs. 17301, 17305, 17307 & 17309 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.17301 et seq.) & repeals sec. 17313 of 1994 PA 451 (MCL 324.17313)	Referred to House Committee on Communications and Technology.

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
HB 4373 Geiss	03/24/2015	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 4378 Cole	03/24/2015	Administrative procedure; contested cases; award of costs and fees to prevailing party in a case involving this state; remove certain restrictions. Amends sec. 123 of 1969 PA 306 (MCL 24.323).	Referred to House Committee on Government Operations.

PUBLIC ACTS OF 2015 & 2016 |

Listed below are Public Acts related to telecommunications that were passed during the current legislative session (2015-2016). 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.

To date, no 2015-2016 Telecommunications Legislation has been enacted in Michigan.

ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSION |

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

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-15790

Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Huron Mountain Communications Co.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=15790>

On April 6, 2015, Huron Mountain Communications Co. filed a Notice of Relinquishment of its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) designation in the State of Michigan with the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”). According to the Notice, Huron Mountain Communications Co. has never received any University Service Fund monies, and Huron Mountain Communications Co. has no customers.

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-17850

License

CenturyLink Communications, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17850>

Comments Due: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

The Michigan Public Service Commission ("Commission") has invited interested Parties to comment on the February 23, 2015 Application of CenturyLink Communications, LLC for approval to expand the geographic scope of its license to provide basic local exchange service to include all zones and exchange areas in the State of Michigan. Written and electronic comments may be filed with the Commission and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 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.

There are no known Notices of Hearing for Telecommunications Hearings pending before the Michigan Public Service Commission at this time.

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 **(MARCH 16, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 27, 2015)**

There are no known Telecommunications Hearings scheduled during the current fortnight

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

There are no known Telecommunications Hearings scheduled beyond the current fortnight

2015 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
April 14 [‡]	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
April 23 [‡]	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
April 27 [‡]	Monday	1:30 p.m.
May 14	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
June 3	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
June 15	Monday	1:30 p.m.
June 30	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
July 9	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
July 23	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
August 11	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
August 25	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
September 10	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
September 24	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
October 7	Wednesday	1:30 p.m.
October 22	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 5	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
November 19	Thursday	1:30 p.m.
December 8	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.
December 22	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.

[†] Additional meetings of the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) 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 Commission are open to the public and will be held at the Commission’s new offices, which are located at 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan, 48917, unless posted and notified in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Visitors should park in the south side, rear parking lot, which is in the back of the building and enter through the doors posted for “Visitors.” 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) 284-8090.

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 Commission may make an inquiry by calling the Commission’s Executive Secretary at (517) 248-8090.

[‡] On March 23, 2015, the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) announced that its next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Hearing Room, 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan and that the April 14, 2015 and April 27, 2015 Regular Commission Meetings will not be held.

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