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Michigan Public Service Commission Requests Updates to Lifeline Tariffs |

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission” or “MPSC”) Telecommunications Division has requested that all licensed basic local exchange carriers ensure that they have revised the Lifeline/Link-Up program description in their tariffs to be consistent with the April 17, 2012 order in MPSC Case No. U-17019, *In the Matter, on the Commission’s Own Motion, to Conform Michigan’s Lifeline program to New Federal Requirements Adopted in Federal Communications Commission Order 12-11 Regard to Lifeline Reform*. . . .

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The Commission’s Telecommunications Division asks that if a provider has not updated their tariff, and specifically the lifeline provisions, in conformance with the April 17, 2012 order in MPSC Case No. U-17019, that they submit the new version of the tariff, with language based on the example below, to Commtariff@michigan.gov for approval by June 30, 2014. Carriers that provide Lifeline customers with the additional \$2.00 state Lifeline credit must also continue to include the Lifeline surcharge in the appropriate section of their local tariff.

STEP ONE: ALL PROVIDERS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTION AND REGULATIONS ON THE LIFELINE PROGRAM

Lifeline Program

Description

1. Lifeline applies discounts to monthly recurring rates for qualifying residential customers. These discounts are applied to existing rates and charges for residential telephone service.
2. In order to be eligible for Lifeline, a residential customer's annual household income must be at or below 150% of the poverty level, as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and as approved by the State treasurer or the person must participate in one of the following programs:
 - Medicaid
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) - Food Stamps
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance/Section 8
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”)
 - National School Lunch Program’s free lunch program
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”) aka Family Independence Program

In addition to the criteria above, applicants residing on Tribal Lands [referenced in Title 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v)] may also qualify if they participate in one of the following federal assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance
- Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (“TANF”)

- Head Start (must meet program's income qualifying standard)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

Applicants residing on tribal lands must sign under penalty of perjury that he/she resides on a reservation, as defined in Title 25 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 20.1, paragraph (v), and receives benefits from at least one of the programs referenced above. The Tribal Lands Applicant also must agree to notify the Company if they cease to participate in the program.

3. Other services can be provided with Lifeline at applicable rates and charges.
4. Proof of eligibility will be required for all initial lifeline applicants and all lifeline recipients will be required to re-certify every year.

Regulations

1. Regulations specified elsewhere in the Company's tariffs apply to Lifeline.
2. Lifeline is available only with residential services, excluding foreign exchange service. Lifeline is limited to a single subscription per household where household is defined to be any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address as one economic unit. For the purposes of this rule, an economic unit consists of all adult individuals contributing to and sharing in the income and expenses of a household.
3. A miscellaneous service charge does not apply when Lifeline is added or discontinued to existing service when that is the only work being done.
4. The Lifeline plan will apply after receipt and processing of a completed Lifeline application, including documentation indicating that the household income meets the eligibility standards established above.
5. Customers of Lifeline must notify the Company of any changes which would affect qualification. Recertification of eligibility will take place on an ongoing basis. When the customer is no longer eligible for Lifeline service, the Lifeline discount will be discontinued and regular rates and charges will apply.
6. As a participant in Lifeline, customers are eligible to receive toll blocking service at no charge. This service will only be provided at the customer's request. Toll blocking service is defined as a central office service that restricts access to the network. Toll blocking is provided where facilities permit and will not allow 1+, 0+, 0-,

101XXXX, 900, or interzone calls to be completed. Toll blocking does not restrict local calls, calls to intraNPA directory assistance, telephone repair service, 911, or calls to 800 or 950 numbers.

7. Local service deposit requirements will be waived for customers who voluntarily receive Toll Blocking Service.
8. Participants in Lifeline shall not be disconnected from local service for nonpayment of toll charges. In addition, the Company will not deny re-establishment of local service to customers who are eligible for Lifeline and have previously been disconnected for nonpayment of toll charges.

STEP TWO: SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIPTIONS ON MONTHLY RATES AND DISCOUNTS BASED ON WHETHER YOUR COMPANY GIVES LIFELINE CUSTOMERS THE \$2 STATE LIFELINE CREDIT

Provider Does Not Give Lifeline Customers \$2 State Credit

Monthly Rates and Discounts

1. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers shall be \$9.25. Credits are applied to the end user's basic local exchange service. At no time shall the total Lifeline credit exceed the sum of the end user common line charge and the basic local exchange rate. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers 65 years of age or more shall be \$12.35. Credits are applied to the end user's basic local exchange service. At no time shall the total Lifeline credit exceed the sum of the end-user common line charge and the basic local exchange rate. Qualified participants residing on tribal lands will receive, in addition to the discounts listed above, an additional federal approved reduction of up to \$25.00 applied to the monthly local service rate.

Provider Does Give Lifeline Customers \$2 State Credit

Monthly Rates and Discounts

1. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers shall be \$9.25 from the Federal discount program plus \$2.00 from the State discount program for a total discount of \$11.25. Credits are applied to the end user's basic local exchange service. At no time shall the total Lifeline credit exceed the sum of the end user common line charge and the basic local exchange rate. The discount on the monthly rate for residential exchange service for qualified Lifeline customers 65 years of age or more shall \$9.25 from the Federal discount program plus \$3.10 from the State discount program for a total discount of \$12.35. Credits are

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STEP THREE: INCLUDE THIS LANGUAGE ONLY IF YOU RECEIVE HIGH COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS

Tribal Link-Up Program

1. A discount on the line connection charge is available to qualifying Lifeline customers residing on Tribal lands as defined in 47CFR §54.400(e) for the installation or transfer of services from one residential premises to another.
2. a. A qualifying customer may receive a 100% reduction up to \$100 in the installation charges, or transfer of service charges, for connection at the customer's principal place of residence.

b. A qualifying customer may then make payments for the connection charges on a deferred schedule in which the qualifying customer does not pay interest. The interest charges not charged to the qualifying customer shall be for connection charges of up to \$200.00 that are deferred for a period not to exceed one year. Charges assessed for installation or transfer of service includes any charges that the Company customarily assesses to connect subscribers to the network. These charges do not include any permissible security deposit requirements.

c. A qualifying customer can receive the benefits of the Tribal Link Up Program for a second and subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residential address at which the Tribal Link Up assistance was approved previously.

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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 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 Snyder; 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 Snyder; 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	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.

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.

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

House Bill # Primary Sponsor	Date Introduced	Description	Status (revisions in bold)
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).	03/20/2014 Reported by House Committee on Judiciary with substitute H-2; referred to second reading.
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.

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.

Public Act #	Effective Date	Description	Enrolled Bill # and Sponsor
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 |

There have been no Telecommunications Orders issued by the Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) during the most recent fortnight.

The Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Friday, June 6, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission’s temporary offices located at 4300 West Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan. This meeting will be held after this edition of the Michigan Telecommunications Report goes to press. The following items were listed on the Commission’s Agenda for its June 6, 2014 Meeting:

1. MPSC Case No. U-12627 AT&T Michigan and New Edge Network, Inc., d/b/a New Edge Network
MPSC Case No. U-17118 AT&T Michigan and TC3 Telecom, Inc.
MPSC Case No. U-17622 Sprint Spectrum L.P., and Chatham Telephone Company, Communication Corporation of Michigan, Island Telephone Company, Shiawassee Telephone Company, and Wolverine Telephone Company (Interconnection Agreements and Amendments)
2. MPSC Case No. U-17502 Blue Jay Wireless, LLC (ETC Application)
3. Minute Action Various Telecommunications Providers (METRO Act)

APPLICATIONS AND COMPLAINTS |

Case No. U-12727

Interconnection Agreement

CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum L.P.

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=12727>

On May 23, 2014, CenturyTel of Midwest-Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink, CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of Upper Michigan, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and Sprint Spectrum L.P., jointly filed an Application with the Michigan Public Service Commission requesting approval of the Intercarrier Compensation (“ICC”) Bill and Keep Amendment to their Interconnection and Reciprocal Compensation Agreement.

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: <mpscfilecases@michigan.gov>. Any comments should reference the applicable docket number.

No known 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.

Case No. U-17573

License

RCLEC, LLC

<http://efile.mpsc.state.mi.us/efile/viewcase.php?casenum=17573>

Evidentiary Hearing: Tuesday, June 10, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

The Michigan Public Service Commission (“Commission”) will consider the February 28, 2014 Application, as amended on April 24, 2014, of RLEC, LLC, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the State of Michigan in the zones and exchanges served by 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., at an evidentiary hearing at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in downtown Lansing at Constitution Hall, 525 West Allegan, Lansing, Michigan before Administrative Law Judge Suzanne D. Sonneborn. Interested parties may intervene in this proceeding by filing an Intervention with the Commission no later than Friday, June 6, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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 (JUNE 8, 2014 THROUGH JUNE 20, 2014)

June 10, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17573/Evidentiary Hearing
RCLEC, LLC (license)

FUTURE TELECOM HEARINGS SCHEDULED

July 30, 2014, 9:00 a.m.
Case No. U-17619/Prehearing Conference
Westphalia Telephone Company, and Great Lakes
Comnet, Inc. v AT&T Corp (intercarrier
compensation)

2014 REGULAR MPSC MEETING DATES[†] |

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
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.

[†] 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.

MONTH & DATE	DAY	TIME
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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