

## **Heritage – Attachment B**

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**COMPETITIVE LOCAL ENTRY - MICHIGAN**

**AT&T to enter local telephone market**

AT&T Corp. plans to offer competitive local exchange services in Michigan "on a broad scale by the end of the year," the company said, citing favorable rates for access to Ameritech-Michigan, Inc.'s unbundled network elements. The exact date of AT&T's entry into the market would depend on the quality of Ameritech-Michigan's operation support systems, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer C. Michael Armstrong said. Ameritech-Michigan is an SBC Communications, Inc., subsidiary.

"We've said all along that whenever wholesale prices reflect the cost of providing the service, AT&T would be there to compete," Mr. Armstrong said. "I'm happy to say, on this score, the Michigan Public Service Commission has met the challenge" of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. AT&T plans to provide service using combined platforms of unbundled network elements, as it does in New York and Texas.

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