

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter, on the Commission's own )  
Motion, of the implementation of the local )  
calling area provisions of the amended )  
Michigan Telecommunications Act. )  
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Case No. U-12528

**AMERITECH MICHIGAN'S MATRIX OF AFFECTED EXCHANGES  
AND PROPOSED CONVERSION DATES**

Pursuant to the Commission's May 15, 2001 Opinion and Order ("May 15 Order") in this proceeding, Ameritech Michigan<sup>1</sup> submits herewith a matrix identifying the Ameritech Michigan exchanges affected by the Commission's February 5, 2001 Opinion and Order ("February 5 Order") providing for the expansion of local calling to adjacent exchanges.<sup>2</sup> The matrix identifies each affected exchange, the type of central office switching equipment involved, the exchanges to which local calling will be expanded, and the proposed date on which necessary

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<sup>1</sup> Michigan Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Michigan, a Michigan corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ameritech Corporation, which owns the former Bell operating companies in the states of Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Ohio. Ameritech Corporation is a wholly owned subsidiary of SBC Communications, Inc. Michigan Bell offers telecommunications services and operates under the names "Ameritech" and "Ameritech Michigan" (used interchangeably herein) pursuant to assumed name filings with the state of Michigan.

<sup>2</sup> The matrix currently contains exchanges affected by the expansion of local calling to intraLATA adjacent exchanges. Pursuant to the Commission's February 5, 2001 Opinion and Order in this proceeding, Ameritech Michigan has filed petitions with the Federal Communications Commission seeking a limited modification of LATA boundaries to provide "extended local calling service" from Ameritech Michigan exchanges to adjacent interLATA exchanges. Ameritech Michigan has no information as to whether or when the FCC may rule on its petitions.

software translations will be performed in order to route calls from the originating exchanges to terminating adjacent exchanges as local calls.

As set forth in Ameritech Michigan's Proposed Implementation Plan<sup>3</sup>, and consistent with the May 15 Order, Ameritech Michigan will begin billing adjacent exchange calls as local calls by mid-October, 2001. At the present time, Ameritech Michigan contemplates that the billing system modifications required to implement expanded local calling will be performed as part of a major billing software release scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2001.<sup>4</sup>

Ameritech Michigan intends to begin the process of reprogramming the central office switching systems to change the routing and dialing pattern for the expanded local calling required by the February 5 Order on Monday, October 15, 2001. Each affected central office switch will require modifications to its translations software. In addition, some central offices will require trunks, switch ports and related facilities to be provisioned and installed.

As discussed in Ameritech Michigan's Proposed Implementation Plan, there are several consequences that will result from the impossibility of "flash-cutting" switch translations state-wide simultaneously with changes to the billing systems. During the brief time period between conversion of the billing system and reprogramming the central office switching systems:

1. Although a call to an adjacent exchange will be billed as a local call upon modification of Ameritech Michigan's billing systems, Ameritech Michigan's local customers will continue to be required to dial 11 digits to complete a call to an adjacent exchange until the translations work has been performed.

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<sup>3</sup> Filed March 7, 2001.

<sup>4</sup> The adjacent exchange toll calling plan (AETCP) USOC for Ameritech Michigan local exchange customers who subscribe to AETCP will be removed on October 15, 2001.

2. Ameritech Michigan's local customers who have selected another carrier to provide intraLATA toll will continue to have adjacent exchange calls that today are classified as toll calls routed to their intraLATA PIC for completion. As a result, the charge, if any, for these calls will be determined by the customer's intraLATA toll carrier.<sup>5</sup>
3. Ameritech Michigan (and the terminating local exchange carrier) will continue to assess access charges for adjacent exchange calls handled by (and billed by) an intraLATA toll provider (other than the customer's local exchange carrier.)

In order to minimize these consequences, Ameritech Michigan intends to complete its switch translation reprogramming as quickly as possible. The matrix submitted herewith depicts a significant acceleration of the completion date for all switch translations work from that set forth in Ameritech Michigan's Proposed Implementation Plan.<sup>6</sup>

The timeline set forth in the matrix assumes a high degree of cooperation among affected industry participants and also assumes that facilities are available, or could quickly be made available, at the affected central offices to handle the increased local traffic load. In other words, the matrix represents what amounts to a "best case" scenario. Ameritech Michigan is currently engaged in a study of the affected central office facilities and interoffice facilities.<sup>7</sup> The study is expected to be completed in approximately two weeks. To the extent trunks and facilities are not

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<sup>5</sup> It would not seem unreasonable for a customer's intraLATA toll carrier to assess toll charges for a call it continues to handle. Absent unforeseen circumstances, however, all central office conversions will be complete, and all adjacent exchange calls from Ameritech Michigan exchanges will be billed as local calls by October 31, 2001.

<sup>6</sup> Ameritech Michigan's Proposed Implementation Plan contemplated that switching system and other network modifications would require approximately two months (until mid-December, 2001) to complete. As noted earlier, the accelerated timeline set forth in the attached matrix assumes that necessary facilities are available.

<sup>7</sup> It is possible that additional facilities will be required at the tandems, as well.

available, or significant changes in the conversion schedule are made as a result of industry meetings, it may be necessary to delay switch translations in a particular office or modify the proposed conversion schedule. In that event, Ameritech Michigan, consistent with the May 15 Order, will file a revised matrix with the Commission.

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