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BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the complaint of the **MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF** against **NATIONWIDE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,** for violations of payphone service requirements and operator service limitations on overcharging.	)	Case No. U-11524

At the June 26, 1998 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John G. Strand, Chairman
Hon. John C. Shea, Commissioner
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner

ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On February 17, 1998, the Commission Staff (Staff) filed a complaint against Nationwide Communications, Inc., (Nationwide) for violations of the payphone posting requirements and operator service limitations on overcharging.

Subsequently, Nationwide, the Staff, and Attorney General Frank J. Kelley signed a settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A. The settlement agreement requires Nationwide to pay a fine and expenses totaling $17,500 and specifies procedures for resolving past and future violations. On June 5, 1998, the Michigan Pay Telephone Association submitted a statement of non-objection, attached as Exhibit B.

The Commission FINDS that:

a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended by 1995 PA 216, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. The settlement agreement is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The settlement agreement, attached as Exhibit A, is approved.

B. Nationwide Communications, Inc., shall pay to the State of Michigan a fine and expenses totaling $17,500.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so in the appropriate court within 30 days after issuance and notice of this order, pursuant to MCL 462.26; MSA 22.45.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

/s/ John C. Shea
Commissioner

By its action of June 26, 1998.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

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Suggested Minute:

> "Adopt and issue order dated June 26, 1998 approving the settlement agreement, requiring Nationwide Communications, Inc., to pay $17,500 to the state, and specifying procedures to resolve past and future violations of the Michigan Telecommunications Act and rules, as set forth in the order."