

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
STERLING INTERNATIONAL FUNDING, INC.,)
d/b/a RECONEX, for the issuance of a license to) Case No. U-11700
provide local exchange telecommunications service)
on a resold basis in the current exchanges of)
Ameritech Michigan and GTE North Incorporated.)
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At the September 11, 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 APPLICATION

On May 29, 1998, Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, (Reconex) filed an application, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq., for a license to resell basic local exchange service in the areas of the state currently served by Ameritech Michigan and GTE North Incorporated.

At a hearing on August 18, 1998, Reconex presented the testimony of Todd M. Meislahn, President of Reconex, and offered three exhibits. The Commission Staff presented the testimony of Thomas D. Gray, a Departmental Specialist in the Competitive Services Section of the Commission's Communications Division. Mr. Gray indicated that if the Commission grants the application, it should acknowledge certain regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunica-

tions Act. At the close of the hearing, the parties waived compliance with the provisions of Section 81 of the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.281; MSA 3.560(181).

After review of the application, testimony and exhibits, the Commission finds that approval of Reconex's application is in the public interest. On numerous occasions, the Commission has found that competition is advantageous to the citizens of this state. Approval of Reconex's request for a license to resell basic local exchange service in the requested areas will expand the advantages of competition. Accordingly, Reconex's application should be approved.

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. Reconex possesses sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local exchange service to every person within the geographic area of the license.
- c. Granting Reconex a license to provide basic local exchange service in the requested areas will not be contrary to the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, is granted a license to provide basic local exchange service in the exchanges served by Ameritech Michigan and GTE North Incorporated.

B. Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, shall provide basic local exchange service in accordance with the regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq.

C. Before commencing basic local exchange service, Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, shall submit its tariff reflecting the services that it will offer and legible maps identifying the exchanges in which it will offer service.

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

/s/ John G. Strand
Chairman

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/s/ John C. Shea
Commissioner

/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

By its action of September 11, 1998.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

B. Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, shall provide basic local exchange service in accordance with the regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq.

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated September 11, 1998 granting Sterling International Funding, Inc., d/b/a Reconex, a license to provide basic local exchange service, as set forth in the order.”