

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION)
for arbitration to establish an interconnection) Case No. U-11168
agreement with **AMERITECH MICHIGAN.**)
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At the February 17, 1999 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

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

OPINION AND ORDER

On December 16, 1998, Ameritech Michigan and MCI Telecommunications Corporation (MCI) filed a joint application for approval of an amendment to the interconnection agreement approved by the Commission's July 31, 1997 order in this docket. The amendment allows MCI to use listing information from Ameritech Michigan's directory assistance database in providing a directory assistance service.

Section 252 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC 252, requires that any interconnection agreement that is adopted by negotiation be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 USC 252(e) provides in part:

- (2) **GROUND FOR REJECTION.**--The State commission may only reject--
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that--

- (i) the agreement (or any portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
- (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . .

(3) PRESERVATION OF AUTHORITY.--Notwithstanding paragraph (2), but subject to section 253, nothing in this section shall prohibit a State commission from establishing or enforcing other requirements of State law in its review of an agreement, including requiring compliance with intrastate telecommunications service quality standards or requirements.

47 USC 252(e)(2) and (3).

The Commission concludes that it should approve the amendment to the interconnection agreement, with its attached schedule and exhibits. The Commission finds that the agreement is consistent with federal and state law, and is in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2); MSA 22.1469(359)(2), the services provided under this agreement must be made available to other telecommunications carriers upon the same terms and conditions.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq.; the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996, 47 USC 151 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 amendment to the interconnection agreement should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The first amendment to the interconnection agreement between MCI Telecommunications Corporation and Ameritech Michigan is approved.

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter Ameritech Michigan's duty to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders.

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

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ John G. Strand

Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda

Commissioner

By its action of February 17, 1999.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman

Its Executive Secretary

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter Ameritech Michigan's duty to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders.

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated February 17, 1999 approving the first amendment to the interconnection agreement between MCI Telecommunications Corporation and Ameritech Michigan, as set forth in the order.”