

with an order of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approving the SBC/Ameritech merger. The FCC order was issued on October 8, 1999 in CC Docket 98-141. Ameritech Michigan has requested approval of two amendments to the interconnection agreement with NOW Communications, Inc., (NOW) that was approved on July 16, 1999 in Case No. U-11986; one amendment to the interconnection agreement with Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, (Navigator) that was approved on March 8, 1999 in Case No. U-11874; one amendment to the interconnection agreement with Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc., (Allegiance) that was approved on August 17, 1999 in Case No. U-12053; and one amendment to the interconnection agreement with United States Telecommunications, Inc., (US Telecom) that was approved on April 23, 1999 in Case No. U-11952. Statements by NOW, Navigator, Allegiance, and US Telecom authorizing Ameritech Michigan to submit the application were included with the application.

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) The State commission may only reject
 - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) of this section if it finds that--
 - (i) the agreement (or 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) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), but subject to section 253 of this title, 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, after reviewing the application and the amendments, that it should approve the amendments to the four interconnection agreements. The Commission finds that the amendments are consistent with federal and state law and are in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2); MSA 22.1469(359)(2), the services provided under the agreements and amendments 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 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. The amendments should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The amendments to the interconnection agreements between Ameritech Michigan and NOW Communications, Inc., Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc., and United States Telecommunications, Inc., are approved.

B. Approval of the amendments does not alter the duty of NOW Communications, Inc., Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc., United States Telecommunications, Inc., and Ameritech Michigan to comply with relevant federal and state law and past and future Commission orders and rules.

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

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of February 9, 2000.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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In the matter of the request for Commission)
approval of an interconnection agreement between)
NAVIGATOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC,)
and **AMERITECH MICHIGAN.**)
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Case No. U-11874 et al.

Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated February 9, 2000 approving amendments to the four interconnection agreements between Ameritech Michigan and NOW Communications, Inc., Navigator Telecommunications, LLC, Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc., and United States Telecommunications, Inc., as set forth in the order.”