

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
TDS METROCOM, INC., for a license to provide )  
basic local exchange service in the local exchanges )  
currently served by Ameritech Michigan. )  
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Case No. U-12554

At the November 2, 2000 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

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

**OPINION AND ORDER**

On August 7, 2000, TDS METROCOM, Inc., (TDS) filed an application, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq., for a license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges currently served by Ameritech Michigan. On August 31, 2000, the Commission issued an order granting TDS a temporary license pending the issuance of a final order.

At a hearing on October 16, 2000, TDS presented the testimony and exhibits of Shane Kaatz, its Manager-Carrier Relations. The testimony of Marjorie J. Wilder of the Competitive Services Section of the Commission’s Communications Division was also admitted into the record. Ms. Wilder indicated that if the Commission grants the application, it should acknowledge certain regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications 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 a review of the application and testimony, the Commission finds that approval of the application is in the public interest. On numerous occasions, the Commission has found that competition can be advantageous to the citizens of this state. Approval of the request for a license to provide basic local exchange service will expand the opportunities for competition. Accordingly, the application should be approved. The grant of a license is conditioned on compliance with the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900. Failure to comply fully with those procedures may result in revocation of the license or other penalties. Further, the grant of a license is conditioned upon the provision of service to customers within a reasonable time. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the license.

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.; 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 AACRS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. TDS possesses sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local exchange service to all residential and commercial customers within the geographic area of the license and intends to provide service within one year from the date of this order.
- c. Granting TDS 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. TDS METROCOM, Inc., is granted a license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges currently served by Ameritech Michigan.

B. TDS METROCOM, Inc., 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., and the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900.

C. Before commencing basic local exchange service, TDS METROCOM, Inc., shall submit its tariff reflecting the services that it will offer and 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 E A L )

/s/ John G. Strand  
Chairman

By its action of November 2, 2000.

/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated November 2, 2000 granting TDS  
METROCOM, Inc., a license to provide basic local exchange service, as  
set forth in the order.”