

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,	)	
to consider implementation of an 810 area code	)	Case No. U-12588
relief plan.	)	
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At the December 20, 2001 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing, Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Laura Chappelle, Chairman  
Hon. David A. Svanda, Commissioner  
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner

**OPINION AND ORDER**

On December 11, 2000, the Commission issued an order approving an 810 area code relief plan that assigned a new 586 area code designation to Macomb County and retained the 810 designation for the remainder of the existing area code. That order went on to require the commencement of permissive dialing by September 22, 2001 and mandatory dialing by March 23, 2002.

On April 17, 2001, the Commission issued a follow-up order in which it held that wireless customers in the 586 area code should be given the right to use "extended permissive dialing" for one year. Thus, although wireless carriers serving those customers would be required to eventually relinquish the 810 area code for existing central office codes located within the 586 area code, it would give them the option of delaying until March 23, 2003 the deadline for making that transition. As a result, the customers of any wireless carrier that applied to the North

American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA) for extended permissive dialing would be given an additional 12 months to have their cellular handsets reprogrammed by the wireless carrier. NANPA gave wireless carriers until May 8, 2001 to submit their applications.

On November 27, 2001, Ameritech Mobile Communications, LLC, d/b/a Cingular Wireless, (Cingular) submitted a petition notifying the Commission that it missed the May 8, 2001 filing deadline and asking that the Commission direct NANPA to extend to Cingular's customers the right to use extended permissive dialing within the 586 area code. Cingular's November 27, 2001 request went on to identify the 45 central office codes encompassed by its petition.

The Commission Staff (Staff) supports granting Cingular's request. According to the Staff, 375 central office codes are slated for return to the 810 area code upon completion of the area code relief adopted by the Commission's prior orders in this case. Of these, the Staff continues, only 74 are subject to extended permissive dialing pursuant to requests previously received by NANPA. The Staff goes on to note that at no time during 2001 have requests for the remaining central office codes in the 810 area code exceeded the current rationing level of six per month. The Staff therefore concludes that granting Cingular's request will not interfere with the successful implementation of the 810 area code relief plan. Moreover, it cautions, rejecting that request could impose a significant hardship on many of Cingular's customers in the Macomb County area.

After reviewing the application, the Commission finds that Cingular's request is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. The Commission further finds that ex parte approval is appropriate.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCL 24.201 et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACRS, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. Cingular's request is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.
- c. NANPA should be directed to allow for extended permissive dialing in each of the 45 central office codes listed in Cingular's petition.
- d. Ex parte approval is appropriate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The petition submitted by Ameritech Mobile Communications, LLC, d/b/a Cingular Wireless, on November 27, 2001 is approved.

B. The North American Numbering Plan Administrator is directed to take all necessary steps to allow extended permissive dialing until March 22, 2003 for the 45 central office codes set forth in the November 27, 2001 petition filed by Ameritech Mobile Communications, LLC, d/b/a Cingular Wireless.

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.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Laura Chappelle  
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

By its action of December 20, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated December 20, 2001 approving the petition filed by Ameritech Mobile Communications, LLC, d/b/a Cingular Wireless, and directing the North American Numbering Plan Administrator to allow extended permissive dialing in an additional 45 central office codes in the Macomb County area, as set forth in the order.”