

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the request for Commission)	
approval of a multi-state interconnection agreement)	
between NOW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ,)	Case No. U-12794
and various SBC Communications, Inc., owned)	
companies, including AMERITECH MICHIGAN.)	
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At the October 11, 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 September 6, 2001, NOW Communications, Inc., and Ameritech Michigan filed a joint application for approval of the second amendment to their interconnection agreement. The amendment incorporates into the agreement rates and charges approved by the Commission in Case No. U-11831.

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 amendment, that it should approve the amendment. The Commission finds that the amendment is consistent with federal and state law and is in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2), the services provided under the agreement, as amended, 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.; 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.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. The amendment should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The second amendment to the interconnection agreement between NOW Communications, Inc., and Ameritech Michigan is approved.

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter the duty of NOW Communications, 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/ Laura Chappelle
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

By its action of October 11, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated October 11, 2001 approving an amendment to an interconnection agreement between NOW Communications, Inc., and Ameritech Michigan, as set forth in the order.”