

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the joint application of	)	
<b>AMERITECH MICHIGAN</b> and <b>VERIZON</b>	)	
<b>NORTH INC.</b> for approval of alterations to the	)	Case No. U-12809
geographic areas of their licenses to provide	)	
basic local exchange service.	)	
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At the April 17, 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 February 2, 2001, Ameritech Michigan and Verizon North Inc. (Verizon) filed a joint application, pursuant to MCL 484.2303; MSA 22.1469(303), for approval to alter the geographic areas of their licenses to provide basic local exchange service. Ameritech Michigan and Verizon propose to transfer certain territory from Verizon's DeWitt Exchange to Ameritech Michigan's Lansing Exchange. The applicants represent that the transfer will facilitate the provision of service to a subdivision in the most economical and uniform manner.

After a review of the application, the Commission finds that it is consistent with the competitive purposes of the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.; MSA 22.1469(101) et seq., (MTA) to amend Ameritech Michigan's license to permit it to serve

the area that the application had proposed be transferred to it. The Commission cannot conclude at this time that it is consistent with the MTA to amend Verizon's license to prevent it from also serving that area. The Commission concludes, instead, that Verizon's request should be addressed at a hearing.

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. Partial approval of the application is in the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Ameritech Michigan shall revise its Lansing Exchange boundary as shown on the attachments to the application.

B. Ameritech Michigan's license to provide basic local exchange service is amended to reflect the boundary revision.

C. Ameritech Michigan shall, within 30 days, file revised tariff maps and boundary descriptions reflecting the change in the exchange boundary.

D. A hearing shall be held on Verizon North Inc.'s request to amend its license to provide basic local exchange 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/ Laura Chappelle  
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

By its action of April 17, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated April 17, 2001 amending the license of Ameritech Michigan to provide basic local exchange service and setting the request of Verizon North Inc. for hearing, as set forth in the order.”