

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>B &amp; S TELECOM, INC.</b> , for the issuance of a	)	
license to provide basic local exchange service	)	Case No. U-12911
in Ameritech Michigan's service areas in the	)	
state of Michigan.	)	
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At the August 16, 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 April 12, 2001, B & S Telecom, Inc., filed an application, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), 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 May 15, 2001, the Commission granted B & S Telecom a temporary license.

At a hearing on June 20, 2001, B & S Telecom presented the testimony and exhibits of Saul Anuzis, the Chairman of its Board. 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 MTA. 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 full compliance with the provisions of the MTA, as well as the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900 and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703. Failure to comply fully 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. Finally, the Commission notes that any numbers obtained by the applicant are a public resource and are not owned by the applicant. Consequently, if the applicant fails to provide service or goes out of business, any numbers assigned to it are subject to reclamation.

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 AACCS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. B & S Telecom 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 B & S Telecom 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. B & S Telecom, Inc., is granted a license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges currently served by Ameritech Michigan.

B. B & S Telecom, 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., including the number portability provisions of Section 358, the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703.

C. Before commencing basic local exchange service, B & S Telecom, 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/ Laura Chappelle  
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

By its action of August 16, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated August 16, 2001 granting B & S Telecom, Inc., a license to provide basic local exchange service, as set forth in the order.”