

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of adoption of a line sharing)
amendment among WINN TELEPHONE COMPANY,)
VERIZON NORTH INC. and CONTEL OF THE)
SOUTH, INC., d/b/a VERIZON NORTH SYSTEMS.)
_____)

Case No. U-12926

At the June 5, 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 24, 2001, Winn Telephone Company (Winn) and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems (collectively, Verizon), filed a joint application for approval of a line sharing amendment to the interconnection agreement that was approved on August 31, 2000 in Case No. U-12548. The amendment results from the decision of Winn to adopt the terms of the line sharing amendment between Verizon and New Edge Network, Inc., that was approved on July 17, 2000 in Case No. U-12497.

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); MSA 22.1469(359)(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.; MSA 22.1469(101) 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.; MSA 3.560(101) et seq.; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, as amended, 1992 AACR, R 460.17101 et seq.

- b. The amendment should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The line sharing amendment to the interconnection agreement between Winn Telephone Company and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, is approved.

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter the duty of Winn Telephone Company and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, 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 June 5, 2001.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman

Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated June 5, 2001 approving an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Winn Telephone Company and Verizon North Inc. and ConTEL of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, as set forth in the order.”