

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>UPPER PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY</b>	)	Case No. U-13197
for approval of a boundary revision.	)	
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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 November 16, 2001, Upper Peninsula Telephone Company (Upper Peninsula) filed an application requesting authority to alter the geographic areas of its Lake Gogebic, Marenisco, and North Land O'Lakes exchanges.

In its application, Upper Peninsula represents that its North Land O'Lakes Exchange is currently composed of three separate geographic areas, one of which is known as the Tenderfoot Lake Area, which is located inside the Marenisco Exchange. Upper Peninsula further represents that within the Tenderfoot Lake Area the University of Notre Dame has a retreat and laboratory center. Upper Peninsula states that it does not presently have facilities to serve the university and that, instead, Upper Peninsula provides service to the center through leased facilities. Upper Peninsula reports that the university seeks an improvement in the quality of service and is interested in adding additional lines, including data circuits, if the quality of service can be

improved. Upper Peninsula represents that it can improve the quality of service if it extends facilities from its existing switch located within the Lake Gogebic Exchange. To that end, Upper Peninsula requests authority to transfer the Tenderfoot Lake Area from the North Land O'Lakes Exchange to the Lake Gogebic Exchange. Upper Peninsula represents that the university is the only customer in the Tenderfoot Lake Area and that the university has consented to the change.

Upper Peninsula further represents that the university also owns property in a part of the Marenisco Exchange that Upper Peninsula will have to cross with the extended facilities. As a matter of convenience, Upper Peninsula desires to transfer that section of the Marenisco Exchange to the Lake Gogebic Exchange. Upper Peninsula states that there are presently no customers located within that part of the Marenisco Exchange.

The Commission has reviewed the application, and finds the proposed boundary revisions to be in the public interest.

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 AACS, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. Upper Peninsula should be authorized to transfer territory from the Marenisco and North Land O'Lakes exchanges to the Lake Gogebic Exchange as described in the application.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is authorized to transfer territory from the Marenisco and North Land O'Lakes exchanges to the Lake Gogebic Exchange as described in the application.

B. Upper Peninsula Telephone Company shall file, within 30 days, four sets of tariff sheets essentially the same as those attached to the application.

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.

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/s/ Laura Chappelle  
Chairman

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
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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 authorizing Upper Peninsula Telephone Company to change the boundaries of its exchanges, as set forth in the order.”