

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the joint requests for Commission )  
approval of interconnection agreements and )  
amendments. )  
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At the July 23, 2002 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**

The following parties have filed joint applications for approval of interconnection  
agreements and amendments:

Case No. U-12178 Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon  
North Systems, and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.  
Application filed July 3, 2002 for approval of the second  
amendment (reciprocal compensation).

Case No. U-12244 Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon  
North Systems, and Sprint Spectrum L.P., d/b/a Sprint PCS  
Application filed June 21, 2002 for approval of the second  
amendment (reciprocal compensation).

Case No. U-12382 Ameritech Michigan and Coast to Coast Telecommunications, Inc.  
Application filed June 27, 2002 for approval of the third amend-  
ment (national directory assistance).

Case No. U-12987 Ameritech Michigan and Allegiance Telecom of Michigan, Inc.  
Application filed June 27, 2002 for approval of the fifth amend-  
ment (national directory assistance).

- Case No. U-13144 Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and Ciera Network Systems, Inc.  
Application filed July 3, 2002 for approval of the first amendment (reciprocal compensation).
- Case No. U-13294 Ameritech Michigan and Mpower Communications Corporation  
Application filed July 8, 2002 for approval of the first amendment (billing for maintenance of service, service order charges, and technician trip charges).
- Case No. U-13452 Ameritech Michigan and Phone-Link, Inc.  
Application filed June 27, 2002 for approval of an interconnection agreement.
- Case No. U-13453 Ameritech Michigan and Comm South Companies, Inc.  
Application filed June 27, 2002 for approval of an interconnection agreement.
- Case No. U-13454 Ameritech Michigan and New Access Communications LLC  
Application filed June 24, 2002 for approval of an interconnection agreement.
- Case No. U-13467 Ameritech Michigan and NOS Communications, Inc.  
Application filed July 9, 2002 for approval of an interconnection agreement (adoption, pursuant to 47 USC 252(i), of the agreement between Ameritech Michigan and AT&T Communications of Michigan, Inc., that was approved on March 21, 2002, in Case No. U-12465 including the Mi2A amendment) and a negotiated reciprocal compensation agreement.

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 applications, agreements, and amendments, that it should approve the applications. The Commission finds that the agreements and amendments are consistent with federal and state law and are in the public interest. Under 47 USC 252(i) and MCL 484.2359(2), the services provided under the agreements, 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 interconnection agreements and amendments listed above should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. The interconnection agreements and amendments listed above are approved.
- B. Approval of the interconnection agreements and amendments does not alter the duty of the parties 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

( S E A L )

/s/ David A. Svanda

Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson

Commissioner

By its action of July 23, 2002.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman

Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated July 23, 2002 approving interconnection agreements and amendments, as set forth in the order.”