

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 December 20, 2002 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: 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-12258 Ameritech Michigan and Ameritech Mobile Communications,  
LLC  
Application filed November 14, 2002 for approval of the first  
amendment (incorporates rates and charges approved in Case  
No. U-11831) and second amendment (wireless E911).

Case No. U-13513 Ameritech Michigan and Sage Telecom, Inc.  
Application filed October 10, 2002 for approval of the second  
amendment (UNE combination tariff amendment) and applica-  
tion filed October 22, 2002 for approval of the third amendment  
(directory assistance error correction).

Case No. U-13587 Ameritech Michigan and Delta Phones, Inc.  
Application filed October 17, 2002 for approval of an  
interconnection agreement.

Case No. U-13588 Ameritech Michigan and Choctaw Communications, Inc., d/b/a  
Smoke Signal Communications  
Application filed October 17, 2002 for approval of an  
interconnection agreement.

Case No. U-13649 CenturyTel and ICG Telecom Group, Inc.  
Application filed December 6, 2002 for approval of an  
interconnection 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.

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.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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/s/ David A. Svanda  
Commissioner

/s/ Robert B. Nelson  
Commissioner

By its action of December 20, 2002.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated December 20, 2002 approving interconnection agreements and amendments, as set forth in the order.”