

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the request for Commission	)	
approval of an interconnection agreement between	)	
<b>FOCAL COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION</b>	)	Case No. U-12798
<b>OF MICHIGAN and AMERITECH MICHIGAN.</b>	)	
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At the February 25, 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**

On December 17, 2001, Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan and Ameritech Michigan filed a joint application for approval of the third amendment to their interconnection agreement. The amendment incorporates into the agreement certain rates, terms, and conditions pertaining to the payment of reciprocal compensation, interconnection, and trunking.

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), 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.; 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 third amendment should be approved.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. The third amendment to the interconnection agreement between Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan and Ameritech Michigan is approved.

B. Approval of the amendment does not alter the duty of Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan and Ameritech Michigan 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 February 25, 2002.

/s/ Dorothy Wideman  
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated February 25, 2002 approving an amendment to an interconnection agreement between Focal Communications Corporation of Michigan and Ameritech Michigan, as set forth in the order.”