

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
EMERGENT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC, for a)
license to provide local exchange services in the)
LATA exchanges currently served by Ameritech)
Michigan and Verizon North Inc., f/k/a GTE)
North Incorporated.)
_____)

Case No. U-12924

At the December 21, 2004 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chair
Hon. Robert B. Nelson, Commissioner
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner

OPINION AND ORDER

In an order issued on July 11, 2001 in this proceeding, the Commission granted Emergent Communications, LLC (Emergent), a license to provide basic local exchange service in all exchanges currently served by SBC Michigan (formerly Ameritech Michigan) and Verizon North Inc. and Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq.

On December 7, 2004, Emergent informed the Commission that it desired to surrender all of its authority to act as a telecommunications provider in Michigan. According to Emergent, the surrender of its Michigan authority is necessary because of the reorganization of its parent, New Access Communications LLC (New Access), which purchased Emergent in 2001. Emergent explains that New Access is also licensed by the Commission to provide telecommunications

services in Michigan. See, the July 11, 2001 order in Case No. U-12888, the July 23, 2002 order in Case No. U-13454, and the July 23, 2003 order in Case No. U-13814. Emergent states that after completion of the reorganization of New Access, Emergent is to be dissolved and all of Emergent's assets and customers will be transferred to New Access. Emergent further states that the reorganization and dissolution should be completed by December 31, 2004, and will have no effect on the rates or conditions of service of its customers.

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.; 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, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.

b. Emergent's application to surrender its license to provide basic local exchange service in Michigan should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application filed on December 7, 2004 by Emergent Communications, LLC, to surrender its license to provide basic local exchange service in Michigan is granted.

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

/s/ J. Peter Lark
Chair

(S E A L)

/s/ Robert B. Nelson
Commissioner

/s/ Laura Chappelle
Commissioner

By its action of December 21, 2004.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle
Its Executive Secretary

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Suggested Minute:

“Adopt and issue order dated December 21, 2004 granting the application by Emergent Communications, LLC, to surrender its license to provide basic local exchange service, as set forth in the order.”