

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter, on the Commission's own motion,)	
to commence an investigation into voice over)	Case No. U-14073
Internet protocol issues in Michigan.)	
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At the April 5, 2004 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

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

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION

On March 16, 2004, the Commission issued an order requesting comments on a number of important issues regarding voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) activity in Michigan.

Telecommunications service providers subject to Commission jurisdiction were instructed to file their comments by April 2, 2004. All other interested parties were encouraged to voluntarily file comments by the same date.

On March 29, 2004, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), filed a motion for extension of time in which to file its comments in this proceeding. McLeodUSA expressed its strong desire to participate in this proceeding, but cited a number of factors, including several large Commission proceedings currently underway, that are impeding its ability to fully participate. Consequently, the company requested a two-week extension.

The Commission finds that McLeodUSA's motion should be granted. The Commission is interested in obtaining a full discussion of the important issues identified in its March 16, 2004

order and finds that it is in the public interest to extend the deadline. Because a number of interested parties, however, may be subject to the same resource and time constraints cited by McLeodUSA, the Commission will grant the motion for all interested parties. All parties who have not already done so, may now file their comments in this proceeding by April 21, 2004.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1986 PA 32, as amended, MCL 484.1101 et seq.; 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, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 et seq.
- b. McLeodUSA's motion for extension of time in which to file comments is granted.
- c. Providers of telecommunications services subject to the Commission's jurisdiction should file comments in regard to the VOIP issues identified in the Commission's March 16, 2004 order by April 21, 2004.
- d. Other interested persons should voluntarily file comments regarding the VOIP issues identified in the Commission's March 16, 2004 order by April 21, 2004.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- A. McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc.'s, motion for extension of time in which to file comments is granted.
- B. Providers of telecommunications services subject to the Commission's jurisdiction shall file comments regarding the voice over Internet protocol issues identified in the Commission's March 16, 2004 order by April 21, 2004.
- C. Other interested persons shall voluntarily file comments regarding the voice over Internet protocol issues identified in the Commission's March 16, 2004 order by April 21, 2004.

The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chair

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/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

By its action of April 5, 2004.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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