

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
**FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA,** )  
**INC.,** for a permanent license to provide basic )  
local exchange services in the LATA exchanges ) Case No. U-15093  
currently served by AT&T Michigan, Verizon )  
North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon )  
North Systems, and Frontier Communications of )  
Michigan, Inc. )  
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At the January 30, 2007 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. J. Peter Lark, Chairman  
Hon. Laura Chappelle, Commissioner  
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner

**OPINION AND ORDER**

On October 4, 2006, Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (Frontier), filed an application, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan in the zones and exchanges served by AT&T Michigan, Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. The Commission granted Frontier a temporary license on December 21, 2006.

At a hearing on January 4, 2007, Frontier presented the testimony and exhibits of Michael Flynn, its Vice President. At the close of the hearing, the parties waived compliance with the provisions of Section 81 of the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.281.

After a review of the application and testimony, the Commission finds that approval of the application is in the public interest. On numerous occasions, the Commission has found that competition can be advantageous to the citizens of this state. Approval of the request for a license to provide basic local exchange service will expand the opportunities for competition. Accordingly, the application should be approved. The grant of a license is conditioned on full compliance with the provisions of the MTA, as well as the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900 and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703. Failure to comply fully may result in revocation of the license or other penalties. Further, the grant of a license is conditioned upon the provision of service to customers within a reasonable time. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the license. Finally, the Commission notes that any numbers obtained by the applicant are a public resource and are not owned by the applicant. Consequently, if the applicant fails to provide service or goes out of business, any numbers assigned to it are subject to reclamation.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 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. Frontier possesses sufficient technical, financial, and managerial resources and abilities to provide basic local exchange service to all residential and commercial customers within the geographic area of the license and intends to provide service within one year from the date of this order.
- c. Granting Frontier a license to provide basic local exchange service in the requested areas will not be contrary to the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Frontier Communications of America, Inc., is granted a license to provide provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan in the zones and exchanges served by AT&T Michigan, Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc.

B. Frontier Communications of America, Inc., shall provide basic local exchange service in accordance with the regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 et seq., including the number portability provisions of Section 358, the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703.

C. Before commencing basic local exchange service, Frontier Communications of America, Inc., shall submit its tariff reflecting the services that it will offer and identifying the exchanges in which it will offer service.

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

Any party desiring to appeal this order must do so by the filing of a claim of appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals within 30 days of the issuance of this order, pursuant to MCL 484.2203(12).

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark

Chairman

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/s/ Laura Chappelle

Commissioner

/s/ Monica Martinez

Commissioner

By its action of January 30, 2007.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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