

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 April 24, 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

**ORDER**

The following parties have filed joint applications for approval of interconnection agreements  
and amendments:

- Case No. U-15101 CenturyTel Midwest – Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Michigan, Inc.,  
CenturyTel of Northern Michigan, Inc., CenturyTel of Upper  
Michigan, Inc., and Universal Telecom, Inc.  
Application filed on October 17, 2006 for approval of an  
interconnection agreement.
- Case No. U-15255 Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North  
Systems, and Cost Plus Communications, LLC  
Application filed April 5, 2007 for approval of an interconnection  
agreement.
- Case No. U-15267 Climax Telephone Company and Alltel Communications, Inc.  
Application filed on April 2, 2007 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, 1999 AC, 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 aggrieved by this order may file an action in the appropriate federal District Court pursuant to 47 USC 252(e)(6).

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ J. Peter Lark  
Chairman

( S E A L )

/s/ Laura Chappelle  
Commissioner

/s/ Monica Martinez  
Commissioner

By its action of April 24, 2007.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle  
Its Executive Secretary

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