

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
TENNESSEE TELEPHONE SERVICE, LLC, )  
d/b/a FREEDOM COMMUNICATIONS USA, LLC, )  
for a license to provide basic local exchange )  
service. )  
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Case No. U-16051

At the September 15, 2009 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman  
Hon. Monica Martinez, Commissioner  
Hon. Steven A. Transeth, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On July 23, 2009, Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC, d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC, (Tennessee) filed an application, under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a license to provide basic local exchange service in the zone and exchange areas throughout the state of Michigan in which Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan are the incumbent local exchange carriers. It also requested a temporary license.

MCL 484.2301(2) states: "Pending a determination of an application for a license, the commission without notice and hearing may issue a temporary license for a period not to exceed 1 year." Tennessee states that it seeks a temporary license to allow it to begin the prompt negotiation of interconnection agreements.

After a review of the application and testimony, the Commission finds that approval of the application is in the public interest.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC, d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC, is granted a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service in the zone and exchange areas throughout the state of Michigan in which Verizon North Inc., Contel of the South, Inc., d/b/a Verizon North Systems, and AT&T Michigan are the incumbent local exchange carriers. The temporary license shall expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying the application for a permanent license.

B. Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC, d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC, shall provide basic local exchange service under the temporary license in accordance with the regulatory requirements specified in the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, including the number portability provisions of MCL 484.2358, 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 under the temporary license, Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC, d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC, 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, under MCL 484.2203(12).

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman

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Monica Martinez, Commissioner

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Steven A. Transeth, Commissioner

By its action of September 15, 2009.

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Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary