

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of)	
UPPER PENINSULA TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
for expansion of its license to provide basic local)	Case No. U-20490
exchange service in designated exchanges.)	
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At the May 23, 2019 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Chairman
Hon. Norman J. Saari, Commissioner
Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner

ORDER

On February 27, 2019, Upper Peninsula Telephone Company (UPTel) filed an application, under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for temporary and permanent licenses to expand its license to provide basic local exchange service to the exchanges identified in the list attached as Exhibit A. UPTel filed an amended application on March 8, 2019. On April 10, 2019, the Commission granted UPTel a temporary license expansion.

On March 27, 2019, UPTel served a notice of opportunity to comment on other local exchange carriers and county clerk offices. No comments were filed with the Commission.

The Commission finds that approval of UPTel's application is in the public interest. The expansion of the license is conditioned on full compliance with the MTA, as well as the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, the access restructuring mechanism contribution methodology adopted in Case No. U-16183, the number portability provisions of the

MTA, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703. Further, the expansion of the license is conditioned upon the provision of service to customers in the added exchanges within a reasonable time. Failure to comply fully with those procedures may result in revocation of the license or other penalties.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Upper Peninsula Telephone Company is granted a permanent license to expand its license to provide basic local exchange service to the exchanges identified in the list attached to this order as Exhibit A.

B. Upper Peninsula Telephone Company 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 MCL 484.2358, the access restructuring mechanism contribution requirements of MCL 484.2310 and Case No. U-16183, 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 in the areas added to the license by this order, Upper Peninsula Telephone Company shall submit its tariff identifying the additional 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 appropriate court within 30 days of the issuance of this order pursuant to MCL 484.2203(12). To comply with the Michigan Rules of Court's requirement to notify the Commission of an appeal, appellants shall send required notices to both the Commission's Executive Secretary and to the Commission's Legal Counsel. Electronic notifications should be sent to the Executive Secretary at mpscedockets@michigan.gov and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General - Public Service Division at pungpl@michigan.gov. In lieu of electronic submissions, paper copies of such notifications may be sent to the Executive Secretary and the Attorney General - Public Service Division at 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917.

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Sally A. Talberg, Chairman

Norman J. Saari, Commissioner

Daniel C. Scripps, Commissioner

By its action of May 23, 2019.

Kavita Kale, Executive Secretary

Upper Peninsula Telephone Company Service Exchange Areas

Exchanges

Alston
 Au Train
 Baraga
 Bois Blanc
 Brimley
 Bruce Crossing
 Cedarville
 Chatham
 Deer Park
 De Tour
 Eckerman
 Ewen
 Garden
 Golden Lake
 Grand Marais
 Gulliver
 Hiawatha Forest
 Hulbert
 Kinross
 L'Anse
 Manistique
 Mass-Greenland
 Munising
 Ontonagon
 Paradise
 Pickford
 Rockland
 Rudyard
 Sand River
 Seney
 Shingleton
 Skandia
 Tapiola
 Trenary
 Trout Creek
 Watton
 White Pine

ILEC

Baraga Telephone Company
 Chatham Telephone Company (TDS)
 Baraga Telephone Company
 Island Telephone Company (TDS)
 Hiawatha Telephone Company
 Ontonagon County Telephone Company
 Century Tel of Upper Michigan, Inc,
 Chatham Telephone Company (TDS)
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 Century Tel of Upper Michigan, Inc.
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 Century Tel of Upper Michigan, Inc.
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