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March 12, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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Ms. Karen Majcher
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RE: Chippewa County telephone Relinquishment of Universal Service Pursuant to Section 214(e)(4) of the Federal Communications Act of 1996. Federal Communications Commission CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 09-197, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On February 26, 2015, Chippewa County Telephone (Chippewa) requested that its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) certification (SAC 310680 and 310713), for the purpose of receiving Lifeline / High Cost support in Michigan, be relinquished effective January 1, 2015.

The Michigan Public Service Commission's order in Case No. U-11548, approving Chippewa's request for relinquishment, is attached.

Sincerely,

Robin P. Ancona, Director
Telecommunications Director

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Attachment: MPSC order approving Chippewa's Relinquishment

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of)
THE MICHIGAN EXCHANGE CARRIERS)
ASSOCIATION, INC., for certification of its)
members and Frontier Communications of)
Michigan, Inc. as eligible telecommunications)
carriers for universal service purposes.)

Case No. U-11548

At the March 10, 2015 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. John D. Quackenbush, Chairman
Hon. Greg R. White, Commissioner
Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

ORDER

On November 25, 1997, the Commission issued an order approving the application of Chippewa County Telephone Company (Chippewa), a member of the Michigan Exchange Carriers Association, Inc., for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) for purposes of universal service fund support.

On February 26, 2015, Chippewa filed an application requesting to relinquish its ETC designation effective January 1, 2015. The application only applies to Chippewa and not to any other entity that has been granted ETC designation in this docket. The application states that on December 31, 2014, Chippewa merged with its affiliate Hiawatha Telephone Company (Hiawatha), with Hiawatha as the surviving entity. Chippewa no longer provides services to any customers. The 12 Lifeline customers that Chippewa had were transferred to Hiawatha effective

January 1, 2015, and they continue to receive their Lifeline discounts. *See*, the November 24, 2014 orders in Case Nos. U-17706 and U-17743.

47 USC 214(e)(4) provides as follows:

A State commission . . . shall permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. . . Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the State commission . . . shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served, and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The State commission . . . shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after [approval of] such relinquishment under this paragraph, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

See also, 47 CFR 54.205. Thus, relinquishment may be granted to a carrier for any area that is served by more than one ETC.

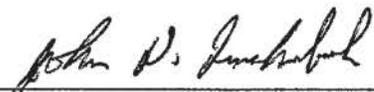
Since all affected customers have already been transferred to another ETC, the Commission authorizes the relinquishment of Chippewa's ETC designation effective January 1, 2015. All other aspects of the November 25, 1997 order remain in effect.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the eligible telecommunications carrier designation of Chippewa County Telephone Company is relinquished effective January 1, 2015.

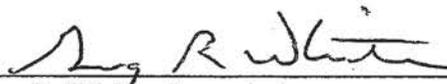
The Commission reserves jurisdiction and may issue further orders as necessary.

Any party aggrieved by this order may file an action in the appropriate federal District Court pursuant to 28 USC 1331. 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 West Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917.

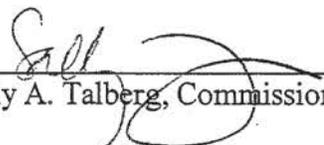
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John D. Quackenbush, Chairman

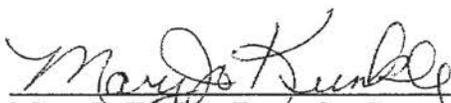


Greg R. White, Commissioner



Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

By its action of March 10, 2015.



Mary Jo Kunkle, Executive Secretary