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STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter, on the Commission's Case No. U-21078
own motion, to re-adopt rules
required by MCL 484.2202(1)(c)(ii). Volume No. 1

PUBLIC HEARING

Proceedings held via Microsoft Teams in the
above-entitled matter before Jonathan Thoits, J.D.,
Administrative Law Judge with MOAHR, for the Michigan
Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on
Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 9:12 a.m.

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REPORTED BY: Lori Anne Penn, CSR-1315

1 Tuesday, October 5, 2021

2 At 9:12 a.m.

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4 (Hearing commenced pursuant to due notice.)

5 JUDGE THOITS: Good morning. This is a
6 proceeding before the Michigan Public Service Commission
7 regarding the proposed re-adoption of rules governing
8 unbundled network elements and local interconnection
9 services. This is Case No. U-21078, which is titled: In
10 the matter, on the Commission's own motion, to re-adopt
11 rules required by MCL 484.2202(1)(c)(ii).

12 My name is Jon Thoits, I'm the
13 Administrative Law Judge assigned to this contested case,
14 and today I will be assisting in the taking of public
15 comments regarding the proposed rules.

16 This public hearing is being held
17 virtually via Microsoft Teams. In addition to having the
18 opportunity to comment here today, any person may submit
19 written comments regarding the proposed rules; the
20 instructions and directions regarding that are set forth
21 in the Commission's September 9, 2021, order in this
22 case.

23 As indicated, the Public Service
24 Commission is considering re-adoption of these rules,
25 which are located at Michigan Administrative Code
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1 R 484.71 to 484.75. These rules specify the minimum
2 quality standards for provision of unbundled network
3 elements and local interconnection services applicable to
4 incumbent local exchange carriers interconnecting with
5 competitive local exchange carriers to enable efficient
6 competition in the marketplace in the provision of basic
7 local exchange service. As indicated, the Commission
8 proposes to re-adopt the current rules with some minor
9 changes, which will be effective April 19 of 2022.

10 Is there anyone present who wishes to
11 make comments regarding the proposed rules?

12 All right. Hearing none, we will wait
13 for a while to see if anyone wishes to offer public
14 comment at this time; however, I note that we got started
15 at 12 after, so probably wait 10 minutes or so, and while
16 we're waiting, we can go off the record. Thank you.

17 (At 9:16 a.m., there was a 14-minute recess.)

18 JUDGE THOITS: We are back on the record
19 in Case U-21078. Again, this is the hearing for public
20 comment regarding the proposed rules proposed to be
21 re-adopted. Is there anyone present who wishes to make
22 any comments regarding the proposed rules?

23 All right. Hearing none, and at least on
24 my screen I do not see that there are any other
25 participants who were not present before and who are

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1 outside of LARA and our court reporter, and noting that
2 it's now 9:31, this public hearing was scheduled to start
3 at 9:00, started shortly thereafter, but the Teams
4 meeting started before 9:00, and we haven't had anyone
5 who has appeared and wished to offer comments, and since
6 it's virtual, we aren't looking at a situation of people
7 maybe struggling to get to the location of a public
8 hearing or anything like that, so given that and given
9 what I understand is the history with public hearings
10 regarding technical rule changes such as this, that
11 there's very rarely, if any, public comment, I'm going to
12 conclude that there is not any that will be offered
13 today, and so we are off the record. Thank you, Lori.

14 (At 9:32 a.m., the public hearing concluded.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Lori Anne Penn (CSR-1315), do hereby certify that I reported in stenotype the proceedings had in the above-entitled matter, that being Case No. U-21078, before Jonathan Thoits, J.D., Administrative Law Judge with Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules, for the Michigan Public Service Commission, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, October 5, 2021; and do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of Volume 1, pages 1-5, constitutes a true and correct transcript of my stenotype notes.

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