

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Public Service Commission  
Administrative Rules for Responsibilities of Providers of Basic Local Exchange Service that Cease to  
Provide the Service  
Rule Set 2023-28 LR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

09:00 AM

Lake Michigan Hearing Room  
7109 W. Saginaw Highway, Lansing MI 48909

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Responsibilities of Providers of Basic Local Exchange Service that Cease to Provide the Service rule set.

This is a re-promulgation of existing rules with some amendments with some amendments to Part 2 of the rules addressing the roles and responsibilities of retail and wholesale providers that are involved in interconnection disputes with each other, which may result in the disconnection of end-user customers, and the addition of new rules to address the information that providers of basic local exchange service seeking to discontinue service must provide in a notice of discontinuance. The rules address the responsibilities of providers of basic local exchange service that cease to provide the service to any segment of end users or geographic area, go out of business, or withdraw from the state, including the transfer of customers to other providers and the reclaiming of unused telephone numbers. The rules will provide clarity to providers as to the specific information that should be included in a notice to the PSC regarding a discontinuance of service and how that notice should be provided to customers and interconnecting providers. The rules will eliminate the ambiguity in the Michigan Telecommunications Act and address frequently received questions from providers regarding notices to the PSC while maintaining consistency with the intent of the Michigan Telecommunications Act and the traditional function and purpose of rulemaking. Adopting formalized rules will provide consistency in terms of the information each provider must submit in a notice of discontinuance to the PSC.

By authority conferred on the Michigan Public Service Commission by MCL 484.2202(1)(c)(iv), which requires the Commission to promulgate rules pursuant to MCL 484.2213 to establish and enforce quality standards for: "Providers of basic local exchange service that cease to provide the service to any segment of end users or geographic area, go out of business, or withdraw from the state, including the transfer of customers to other providers and the reclaiming of unused telephone numbers." MCL 484.2213 authorizes the PSC to promulgate rules under the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306.

The proposed rules will take effect 3/21/2024 after filing with the Secretary of State. The proposed rules are published on the State of Michigan's website at [www.michigan.gov/ARD](http://www.michigan.gov/ARD) and in the 7/15/2023 issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: [mpscdockets@michigan.gov](mailto:mpscdockets@michigan.gov).

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses until 8/14/2023 at 05:00PM.

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Public Service Commission, Attention: Executive Secretary

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The public hearing will be conducted in compliance with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act. If the hearing is held at a physical location, the building will be accessible with handicap parking available. Anyone needing assistance to take part in the hearing due to disability may call 517-284-8090 to make arrangements.