

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
**ALLBAND COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE** )  
for a license to provide basic local exchange service )  
in seven currently unserved areas in Alcona, Alpena, )  
Presque Isle, Montmorency, Gladwin, Ogemaw, )  
and Oscoda counties. )  
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Case No. U-15385

At the October 25, 2007 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

**OPINION AND ORDER**

On August 31, 2007, Allband Communications Cooperative (Allband) filed an application, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a license to provide basic local exchange service in seven currently unserved areas in Alcona, Alpena, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Gladwin, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties. 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." Allband 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.

The Commission FINDS that:

- a. Jurisdiction is pursuant to 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*; 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*; and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1999 AC, R 460.17101 *et seq.*
- b. Allband should be granted a temporary license.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Allband Communications Cooperative is granted a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service in seven currently unserved areas in Alcona, Alpena, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Gladwin, Ogemaw, and Oscoda counties, as described in the application. The temporary license shall expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying its application for a permanent license.

B. Allband Communications Cooperative 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, Allband Communications Cooperative 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, pursuant to MCL 484.2203(12).

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/ Orjiakor N. Isiogu

Chairman

( S E A L )

/s/ Monica Martinez

Commissioner

/s/ Steven A. Transeth

Commissioner

By its action of October 25, 2007.

/s/ Mary Jo Kunkle

Its Executive Secretary

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