

STATE OF MICHIGAN
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of the application of CATHECT)
COMMUNICATIONS INC. for a temporary and)
permanent license to provide local exchange service)
throughout the state of Michigan.)
_____)

Case No. U-20830

At the October 29, 2020 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Hon. Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner
Hon. Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

ORDER

On May 22, 2020, Cathect Communications Inc. (Cathect) filed an application, with testimony and exhibits, pursuant to the Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, as amended, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan. On September 1, 2020, the Commission Staff (Staff) sent a letter to Cathect (filed in this docket) explaining the necessity for an amended application to correct omissions and errors in the May 22, 2020 application. On September 10, 2020, Cathect filed an amended application. The amended application fails to correct many of the deficiencies.

Mich Admin Code, R 792.10419(1) requires that parties be represented by licensed attorneys in contested cases, unless they are individuals representing themselves. Mich Admin Code, R 792.10405(3) requires that pleadings filed by parties shall be signed by an attorney of record. In this matter, Cathect is not represented by an attorney, and the applications were not signed by an

attorney. Additionally, Cathect's Application for Certificate of Authority to Transact Business or Conduct Affairs in Michigan, on file with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, reflects that Cathect does business in Texas, not Michigan. The Staff has made Cathect aware of numerous other deficiencies in the applications which have not been corrected. The Commission finds that the original and amended applications should be dismissed.

Should Cathect choose to apply again, it must provide a complete, accurate, and error-free application with supporting documentation that complies with the Commission's rules, and demonstrates that the company is able to meet the technical, financial, and managerial qualifications to obtain a license.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the original and amended applications for a license to provide basic local exchange service filed by Cathect Communications Inc. are dismissed without prejudice.

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 issuance and notice 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 pungp1@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

Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

By its action of October 29, 2020.

Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

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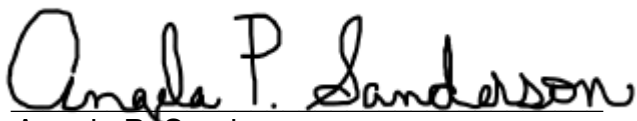
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County of Ingham)

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on October 29, 2020 A.D. she electronically notified the attached list of this **Commission Order via e-mail transmission**, to the persons as shown on the attached service list (Listserv Distribution List).


Brianna Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 29th day of October 2020.



Angela P. Sanderson
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan
As acting in Eaton County
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2024

Service List for Case: U-20830

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