

STATE OF MICHIGAN

BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of )  
**THUMB ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE OF** )  
**MICHIGAN, d/b/a TEC FIBER,** )  
for a license to provide )  
basic local exchange service in designated exchanges. )  
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Case No. U-20996

At the March 19, 2021 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair  
Hon. Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner  
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On February 23, 2021, Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber (Thumb), filed an application, with supporting testimony and exhibits, under the Michigan Telecommunications Act, MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service in the exchanges listed in Exhibit A attached to its application. Thumb filed an amended application and exhibits on March 3, 2021.

MCL 484.2301(2) states: "Pending the 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." Thumb states that it seeks a temporary license to allow it to promptly begin the negotiation of interconnection arrangements with the incumbent carriers, which is a necessary prerequisite to commencement of service in the state of Michigan.

After a review of the application, as amended, and testimony, the Commission finds that approval of the application, as amended, is in the public interest and should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, is granted a temporary license to provide basic local exchange service in the exchanges listed in Exhibit A of its amended application. The temporary license shall expire upon issuance of the final order granting or denying the application for a permanent license, or a period not to exceed one year, whichever occurs first.

B. Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, 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 access restructuring mechanism contribution requirements of MCL 484.2310 and Case No. U-16183, 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, Thumb Electric Cooperative of Michigan, d/b/a TEC Fiber, 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, under 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](mailto:mpscedockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of the Attorney General – Public Service Division at [pungpl@michigan.gov](mailto: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 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, MI 48917

MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Daniel C. Scripps, Chair

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Tremaine L. Phillips, Commissioner

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Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

By its action of March 19, 2021.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary

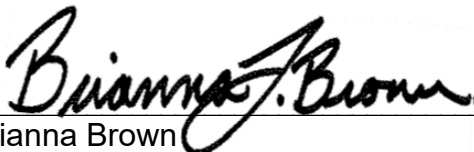
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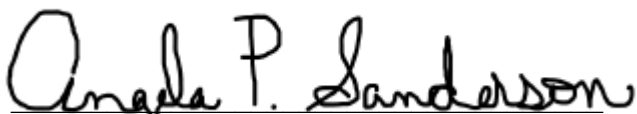
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on March 19, 2021 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.



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

**Service List for Case: U-20996**

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