

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the matter of the application of	)	
<b>STRATUS NETWORKS, INC.</b> , for a temporary and	)	
permanent license to provide local exchange	)	Case No. U-21642
service throughout the state of Michigan.	)	
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At the January 23, 2025 meeting of the Michigan Public Service Commission in Lansing,  
Michigan.

PRESENT: Hon. Daniel C. Scripps, Chair  
Hon. Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner  
Hon. Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

**ORDER**

On April 15, 2024, Stratus Networks, Inc. (Stratus) filed an application, with supporting testimony and exhibits, under the Michigan Telecommunications Act (MTA), MCL 484.2101 *et seq.*, for a temporary and permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan. On July 26, October 21, and October 22, 2024, Stratus filed an amended application and/or amended testimony and exhibits. On November 7, 2024, Stratus was granted a temporary license.

At an evidentiary hearing held on December 13, 2024, Stratus presented the testimony and exhibits of Ben Russell, Stratus' Chief Technology Officer. At the close of the hearing, the parties (Stratus and the Commission Staff) waived compliance with Section 81 of the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.281.

After a review of the application, testimony, and exhibits, as amended, the Commission finds that approval of the application is in the public interest. On numerous occasions, the Commission has found that competition can be advantageous to the residents of this state. Approval of the request for a license to provide basic local exchange service will expand the opportunities for competition. Accordingly, the application, as amended, is approved.

The grant of a license is conditioned on full compliance with the provisions of the MTA, as well as the anti-slamming procedures adopted in Case No. U-11900, and the number reclamation process adopted in Case No. U-12703. Failure to comply fully may result in revocation of the license and other penalties. The grant of a license is conditioned upon the provision of service to customers within a reasonable time. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the license. Finally, the Commission notes that any numbers obtained by the applicant are a public resource and are not owned by the applicant. If the applicant fails to provide service or goes out of business, any numbers assigned to it are subject to reclamation.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

A. Stratus Networks, Inc., is granted a permanent license to provide basic local exchange service throughout the state of Michigan.

B. Stratus Networks, Inc., shall provide basic local exchange service 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, Stratus Networks, Inc., 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 being [LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-MPSC-Edockets@michigan.gov) and to the Michigan Department of Attorney General - Public Service Division at [sheac1@michigan.gov](mailto:sheac1@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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Katherine L. Peretick, Commissioner

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Alessandra R. Carreon, Commissioner

By its action of January 23, 2025.

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Lisa Felice, Executive Secretary


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STATE OF MICHIGAN )

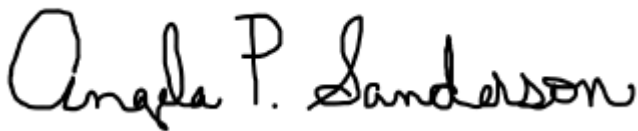
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County of Ingham )

Brianna Brown being duly sworn, deposes and says that on January 23, 2025 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2025.



Angela P. Sanderson  
Notary Public, Shiawassee County, Michigan  
As acting in Eaton County  
My Commission Expires: May 21, 2030

**Service List for Case: U-21642**

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