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RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROVIDERS OF BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE THAT CEASE TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE

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Department: Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Agency: Public Service Commission Enabling Statute: Michigan Telecommunications Act, 1991 PA 179, MCL 484.2202 and 484.2213

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

Rule set 2017-016 LR would add rules pertaining to basic local exchange service providers that cease to provide service to any segment of end users or geographic area, go out of business, or withdraw from this state. The rules outline the responsibilities of providers and wholesale providers in cases of billing disputes; require notice to the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) and the provider if a wholesale provider plans to disconnect service that will impact basic local exchange service; require notice to affected customers, the governor, and the PSC by the provider in the case of a discontinuance of basic local exchange service; require that the PSC receive notification when a provider is acquiring another provider's customer base; and provide for procedures for the reclamation of telephone numbers.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

The rules added by 2017-016 LR would not have a fiscal impact on any unit of state or local government.

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