



# Michigan Public Service Commission Telecommunications Overview

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# Mission

The mission of the Michigan Public Service Commission is to grow Michigan's economy and enhance the quality of life of its communities by assuring safe and reliable energy, telecommunications, and transportation services at just and reasonable rates.



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# Background

- Pre-cursor to MPSC (MI Railroad Commission) given oversight of telephone service in 1911
- Communications Act – 1934 (federal)
- Break-up of Bell system in 1982
- Michigan Telecommunications Act – 1991
- Federal Telecommunications Act – 1996



# Michigan Telecommunications Act

- 1991 PA 179 – Michigan Telecommunications Act
  - Designed to promote competition in telecommunications marketplace
- Several major amendments:
  - 1995 PA 216 – rate re-balancing; interconnection
  - 2000 PA 295 – eliminated EUCL, price freeze, penalties against “slamming,” expanded local calling areas
  - 2005 PA 235 – competition across “platforms”
  - 2009 PA 182 – Access Restructuring Mechanism (ARM)
  - 2011 PA 58 – removed MPSC retail rate regulation, service quality rules
  - 2014 PA 52 – amended process for discontinuance of wireline service



# Federal Telecommunications Act

- Set framework for competition in local wireline telephone market
  - ILECs, CLECs
- FCC delegates responsibilities to states
  - Interconnection agreements and related disputes
  - Lifeline
  - Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs)
  - Other areas as they arise



# Video Franchise Act

- 2006 PA 480 – Uniform Video Services Local Franchising Act
  - Designed to enhance competition in video services
  - MPSC creates uniform franchise agreement
  - MPSC handles dispute resolution



# METRO Act

- 2002 PA 48 – Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-way Oversight (METRO) Act
  - Streamlines process for collection of fees for access to public rights-of-way by telecommunications providers
  - MPSC certifies tax credits, tracks permits, provides dispute resolution



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## 9-1-1 Act

- 1986 PA 32 – Emergency 9-1-1 Services Enabling Act
  - MPSC approves certain costs
  - Rulemaking authority



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# Connect Michigan

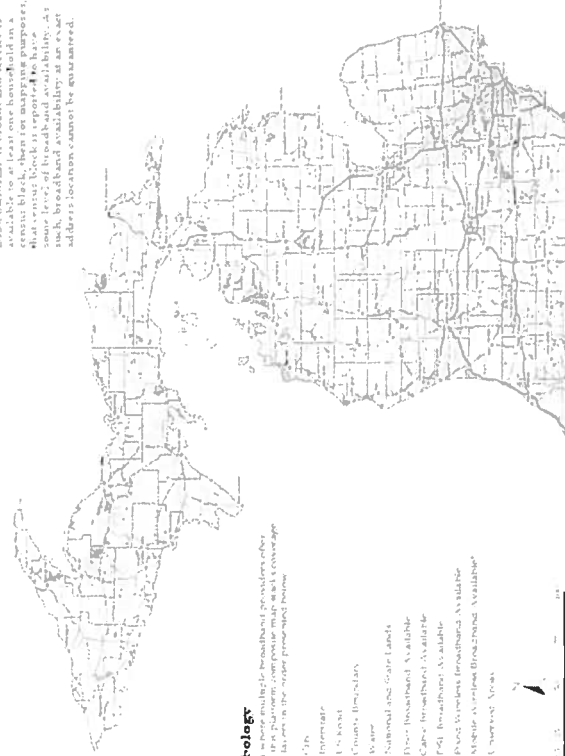
## Broadband Planning and Mapping

### Broadband Service Inventory for the State of Michigan Advertised Speeds of at Least 3 Mbps Downstream and 768 Kbps Upstream

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**DISCLAIMER:** If broadband service is available to at least one household in a census block, then the entire census block is shown as having broadband service. Some level of broadband availability at an exact address location cannot be guaranteed.



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# Federal Issues

- Broadband
- IP Transition
- Wireless 9-1-1 Location Accuracy
- Mergers



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Thank You!

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