

**AUGUSTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #25-02
RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE
MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS (MEC)
METRO ACT RIGHT-OF-WAY TELECOMMUNICATION PERMIT**

At a regular session of the Board of Trustees of Augusta Charter Township held in the Township Hall on the 28th day of January at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Adams, Burek, Gipfert, Gonczy, Green, Waller

ABSENT: Prain

The following preamble and resolution were offered by member Gonczy and supported by member Waller.

WHEREAS, by the attached proposed letter agreement dated November 15, 2024 stating they are currently expanding fiber internet to thousands of underserved and unserved resident in rural southern Michigan; and

WHEREAS, by the attached Terms & Conditions from Midwest Energy & Communications, a request was made for the Township to permit a Metro Act Right of Way Telecommunications Permit to be issued for fifteen (15) years from the Effective Date; provided, that following such initial term there shall be three subsequent renewal terms of five (5) years. Each renewal term shall be automatic unless the Municipality notifies the Company in writing, at least twelve (12) months prior to the end of any term than in effect, that due to changed circumstances a need exists to negotiate the subsequent renewal; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement has been reviewed by the Township Attorney and all the required information has been provided for the permit, MEC includes appropriate documents and has provided the required insurance certificate and PDF route maps of its proposed facilities in the Township's right of ways; and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that Metro Act Right of Way Telecommunications Permit as requested by Midwest Energy & Communications, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, for a period of fifteen (15) years with three subsequent renewal terms of five (5) years is in the best interest of public health, safety and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Midwest Energy & Communications Metro Act Right of Way Telecommunications Permit shall be approved as submitted for fifteen (15) years from the Effective Date with three (3) subsequent renewal terms. The authorized hereby shall be subject to all the terms and conditions as set forth in the permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Upon return of a fully executed copy of the permit from Midwest Energy & Communications, the Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution together with a fully executed copy of the attached Metro Act Right of Way Telecommunications Permit and current route maps with the Director of Telecommunications Division, Michigan Public Service Commission, Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs.

Roll Call Vote:


Ayes: Adams, Burek, Gipfert, Gonczy, Green, Waller

Nays: none

Absent: Prain

Abstain: none

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.




Todd Waller, Supervisor
Augusta Charter Township

Dated: 01-30-25, 2025

CERTIFICATE

I, Kimberly Gonczy, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution #25-02 adopted by the Township Board for the Charter Township of Augusta, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 28th day of January, 2025, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended.



Kimberly Gonczy, Clerk
Augusta Charter Township

Dated: 1-30-, 2025



MIDWEST ENERGY & COMMUNICATIONS

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teammidwest.com

November 15th, 2024

Dear Augusta Charter Township,

Enclosed, please find a Metro Act Permit application from Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) for the expansion of our fiber-to-the-home broadband services.

MEC is a customer-owned rural electric cooperative founded in 1937 and headquartered in Cassopolis, Michigan. MEC provides electric distribution services in 11 counties in southwest and southeast Michigan, northern Indiana/Ohio, propane services in southwest and west-central Michigan, and fiber telecommunications services in southern Michigan.

MEC is currently expanding fiber internet to thousands of underserved and unserved residents in rural southern Michigan. Our extended service area is not contiguous and is dependent on grant funding from federal, state, and local sources.

Included in this envelope you will find:

- METRO Act Permit Application Form.
- MEC's UTC and ETC filings.
- MEC's Certificate of Good Standing.
- METRO Act Bilateral Permit
- A Certificate of Insurance naming the municipality as the additional insured.
- A map showing where MEC's fiber will be installed.
- A \$500.00 check to cover the permit application filing fees.

Once the permit application has been approved, please sign the Bilateral Permit form and email the executed document back to me at paige.baker@teammidwest.com. I will file the document with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Please complete this within 45 days of the dated documents.

If you receive questions from your patrons asking if service will be available. They can check their address at <https://www.teammidwest.com/internet/>

Should you have any questions, I am available by phone or email.

Thank you!

Paige Baker
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