

RA 26-118

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, IOWA[751]**Regulatory Analysis**

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 751—Chapters 13 and 15
“Site Charges and Other Fees; Advisory Councils, Committees and Groups”

Iowa Code section(s) or chapter(s) authorizing rulemaking: 8D

State or federal law(s) implemented by the rulemaking: 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2370

Public Hearing

A public hearing at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

July 15, 2026
1 to 2 p.m.

ICN Director’s Conference Room
Grimes State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this Regulatory Analysis, which must be received by the Iowa Communications Network no later than 4:30 p.m. on the date of the public hearing. Comments should be directed to:

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Purpose and Summary

Pursuant to Executive Order 10, the Iowa Communications Network proposes to rescind Chapter 13 (“Site Charges and Other Fees”) and Chapter 15 (“Advisory Councils, Committees and Groups”), which will eliminate language that is obsolete.

*Analysis of Impact***1. Persons affected by the proposed rulemaking:****• Classes of persons that will bear the costs of the proposed rulemaking:**

There is no direct cost associated with the proposed rulemaking.

• Classes of persons that will benefit from the proposed rulemaking:

All individuals within the State benefit from a well-run and organized State communications network.

2. Impact of the proposed rulemaking, economic or otherwise, including the nature and amount of all the different kinds of costs that would be incurred:**• Quantitative description of impact:**

There is no quantitative impact; the rescissions remove obsolete organizational language that no longer reflects current agency operations.

• Qualitative description of impact:

The qualitative impact is positive; the rulemaking simplifies the regulatory environment by removing obsolete language.

3. Costs to the State:

- **Implementation and enforcement costs borne by the agency or any other agency:**

There are no costs to the State or the agency associated with this rulemaking.

- **Anticipated effect on State revenues:**

There are no anticipated effects on State revenues.

4. Comparison of the costs and benefits of the proposed rulemaking to the costs and benefits of inaction:

This rulemaking ensures the agency removes obsolete language and has no costs associated with it.

5. Determination whether less costly methods or less intrusive methods exist for achieving the purpose of the proposed rulemaking:

The agency seeks to remove obsolete language from the rules in a minimally intrusive and minimally prescriptive manner, while still fulfilling the responsibilities of maintaining a well-run State communications network.

6. Alternative methods considered by the agency:

- **Description of any alternative methods that were seriously considered by the agency:**

No other methods were considered because the proposed rulemaking is necessary to comply with the Executive Order 10 mandate to streamline and modernize existing rules.

- **Reasons why alternative methods were rejected in favor of the proposed rulemaking:**

Not applicable.

Small Business Impact

If the rulemaking will have a substantial impact on small business, include a discussion of whether it would be feasible and practicable to do any of the following to reduce the impact of the rulemaking on small business:

- Establish less stringent compliance or reporting requirements in the rulemaking for small business.
- Establish less stringent schedules or deadlines in the rulemaking for compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Consolidate or simplify the rulemaking's compliance or reporting requirements for small business.
- Establish performance standards to replace design or operational standards in the rulemaking for small business.
- Exempt small business from any or all requirements of the rulemaking.

If legal and feasible, how does the rulemaking use a method discussed above to reduce the substantial impact on small business?

There is no expected impact on small business.

Text of Proposed Rulemaking

ITEM 1. Rescind and reserve **751—Chapter 13.**

ITEM 2. Rescind and reserve **751—Chapter 15.**