



Iowa Communications Network Regulatory Plan – Fiscal Year 2025

Introduction:

The Iowa Communications Network (ICN) is required by Executive Order #9 (former Governor Vilsack) to prepare a regulatory plan listing each regulatory action or potential rule currently under active consideration or development that the ICN reasonably expects to issue in proposed or final form for the coming fiscal year, excluding those rules that do not have a substantial impact on the legal rights, privileges, or duties of persons. A copy of the plan is to be provided to the Administrative Rules Coordinator by August 1st of each year. 2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2385, moved the authority to adopt rules from the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission (ITTC) to the ICN's Executive Director.

Regulatory Objectives:

The ICN issues only those administrative rules that are authorized by state or federal law and specifically aid in interpreting Iowa Code Chapter 8D and other applicable law in serving the public need. It is anticipated that the ICN's Executive Director will work with the ITTC in identifying issues requiring the adoption of rules. The ITTC was established under Chapter 8D and has sole authority to supervise the management, development, and operation of the network. The ITTC is directed to coordinate communications of state government, effect maximum practical consolidation and joint use of communications services, and ensure that the network operates in an efficient and responsible manner.

Contemplated rule-making initiatives and legal basis for each:

- Proposed rule changes will be prepared to reflect legislative changes made in Senate File 2385 that moved the authority to appoint the ICN Executive Director from the ITTC to the Governor, as well as moving the authority to adopt rules from the ITTC to the Executive Director.
- Corrective amendments or other potential changes, if identified by the Executive Director, may be proposed during FY 2025.
- Rules review related to Executive Order 10 (Governor Reynolds) continues. ICN is scheduled to complete its review during calendar year 2026. Some amendments may be necessary prior to that year.

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