

Red Tape Review Rule Report (Due: September 1, 20 26)

Department Name:	Iowa Communications Network (ICN)	Date:	5/13/2026	Total Rule Count:	4
IAC #:	751	Chapter/ SubChapter/ Rule(s):	Chapter 1	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	8D
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The chapter describes the structure and guidelines in which the statewide network is administered throughout the State.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The new chapter simplifies the regulatory environment by removing obsolete language and providing clearer guidance on the network's organizational structure. It successfully aligns the agency's administrative framework with the 2024 State Government Reorganization (2024 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2370) by explicitly recognizing the State Auditor and Chief Information Officer as ex-officio members and confirming the Executive Director's operational authority.

What are the costs incurred by the public to comply with the rule?

There is no direct cost associated with the proposed rulemaking.

What are the costs to the agency or any other agency to implement/enforce the rule?

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

Do the costs justify the benefits achieved? Please explain.

This rulemaking ensures the agency has a basic structure and has no costs associated with it.

Are there less restrictive alternatives to accomplish the benefit? YES NO

If YES, please list alternative(s) and provide analysis of less restrictive alternatives from other states, if applicable. If NO, please explain.

The agency seeks to implement these rules in a minimally intrusive and minimally prescriptive manner while still fulfilling the responsibilities of maintaining a well-run state communications network. No other methods were considered as the proposed rulemaking is necessary to comply with Executive Order 10's mandate to streamline and modernize existing rules.

Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language? [list chapter/rule number(s) that fall under any of the above categories]

Yes. 751—Chapter 1 (Entire legacy chapter). The previous iteration of the chapter contained outdated descriptions of the Commission's authority and operational structure that were inconsistent with the 2024 State Government Reorganization (SF 2370). Redundant phrasing and unnecessary administrative details were stripped to create a lean, accurate description of the organization.

RULES PROPOSED FOR REPEAL (list rule number[s]):

Rescind 751—Chapter 1 in its entirety

RULES PROPOSED FOR RE-PROMULGATION (list rule number[s] or include rule text if available):

Adopt the following new chapter in lieu thereof:

751—1.1(17A, 8D) Purpose. The Iowa telecommunications and technology commission and Iowa communications network manages, develops, operates, and ensures compatibility of the state communications network, as established by Iowa Code chapter 8D.

751—1.2(17A, 8D) Organization. The commission's structure consists of five commissioners and the state auditor and the chief information officer as ex officio members. The commission has the sole authority to manage, develop, operate, and ensure compatibility of the state communications network. The network is supervised by the commission and operated by the executive director or the director's designee.

751—1.3(17A,8D) Location of offices.

1.3(1) Main office. The main office is located in the Grimes State Office Building, 400 E. 14th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

1.3(2) Network hub. The hub for the network is located in the Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) Armory, 6100 N.W. 78th Avenue, Johnston, Iowa 50131.

751—1.4(17A,8D) Business hours. The business hours of the main office are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

****For rules being re-promulgated with changes, you may attach a document with suggested changes.***

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	3
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	355
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	0

ARE THERE ANY STATUTORY CHANGES YOU WOULD RECOMMEND INCLUDING CODIFYING ANY RULES?

Yes. We recommend a comprehensive update to Iowa Code Chapter 8D to modernize the statute, streamline legacy code, and align the agency's authorizing framework with current technology and state government structures.