

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 14	Iowa Code Section Authorizing Rule:	8D
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What is the intended benefit of the rule?

The purpose of this chapter is to protect the integrity, security, and reliability of the network by regulating access to commission-owned or operated facilities, including network hubs, regeneration sites, and equipment rooms.

Is the benefit being achieved? Please provide evidence.

Yes. The qualitative impact is positive; the rulemaking simplifies the regulatory environment by removing obsolete language and providing clearer guidance on access to facilities. It establishes robust physical security protocols by strictly defining authorized personnel, mandating non-transferable credentials and access logs, and clarifying full liability for third-party vendors or colocation partners who cause damage to state infrastructure.

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.

Yes. This rulemaking ensures the agency has a basic security and access structure to protect critical infrastructure, and has no additional 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Does this chapter/rule(s) contain language that is obsolete, outdated, inconsistent, redundant, or unnecessary language, including instances where rule language is duplicative of statutory language?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 14 (Entire legacy chapter). The legacy chapter contained outdated physical access procedures and redundant administrative guidelines that no longer match modern secure infrastructure standards. The new chapter removes this unnecessary phrasing to establish direct, modern access rules.

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

Rescind 751—Chapter 14 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:

CHAPTER 14 Access To Facilities

751—14.1(8D) Purpose and scope. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the integrity, security, and reliability of the network by regulating access to commission-owned or operated facilities, including network hubs, regeneration sites, and equipment rooms.

751—14.2(8D) Authorized access. Access to commission facilities is restricted to: **a.** Commission employees and agents acting within the scope of their employment. **b.** Authorized vendors and contractors who have a valid contract or service agreement with the commission. **c.** Colocation partners as defined in a written colocation agreement. **d.** Emergency response personnel.

751—14.3(8D) Security procedures.

14.3(1) Credentials. All individuals entering a commission facility must possess valid identification and commission-issued credentials (key card, key, or access code). Credentials are non-transferable and shall not be shared or loaned.

14.3(2) Background checks. The commission reserves the right to require criminal history background checks for any non-employee requesting access to critical infrastructure.

14.3(3) Logs. All entry and exit from commission facilities shall be logged. Use of a monitored electronic access control system satisfies this requirement.

751—14.4(8D) Vendor and colocation access.

14.4(1) Authorization. In support of the commission, third-party vendors and colocation partners may be granted access to specific facilities for the installation, maintenance, or removal of their equipment.

14.4(2) Liability. Any vendor or colocation partner entering a commission facility assumes full liability for any damage caused to the network, the facility, or the equipment of other tenants by their employees or agents.

14.4(3) Revocation. The commission may immediately revoke access privileges for any individual who violates security protocols or endangers the network.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 8D.3

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

METRICS

Total number of rules repealed:	4
Proposed word count reduction after repeal and/or re-promulgation	427
Proposed number of restrictive terms eliminated after repeal and/or re-promulgation	16

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.