

RA 26-110

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

Notice of Intended Action to be published: 751—Chapter 1
“Description of Organization”

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 agency proposes to rescind Chapter 1 and adopt a new chapter in lieu thereof. The chapter describes the structure and guidelines in which the statewide network is administered throughout the State. This proposed rulemaking eliminates language that is overly restrictive or obsolete and shortens the chapter.

*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; this chapter simply provides organizational structure for the agency.

• Qualitative description of impact:

The qualitative impact is positive; the rulemaking simplifies the regulatory environment by removing obsolete language and providing clearer guidance on network organizational structure.

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

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

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.

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 751—Chapter 1 and adopt the following new chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 1
DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

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 (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 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 East 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 NW 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.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 8D.1, 8D.3, and 8D.4.