**Section 736.305 Emergency Operation**

a) Each WETC shall make provisions to meet emergencies resulting from failures of commercial or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, illness of personnel, fire, storm, or other natural disasters. Each WETC shall inform employees as to procedures to be followed in the event of emergency in order to prevent or minimize interruption or impairment of regulated telecommunications service.

b) Each WETC shall maintain a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, be able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and be capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations**.**

(Source: Amended at 38 Ill. Reg. 21064, effective October 23, 2014)