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- 1 AN ACT relating to telecommunications.
- it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 2
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 5. The Telephone Company Act is amended by
- changing Section 4 as follows: 5

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- 6 (220 ILCS 65/4) (from Ch. 134, par. 20)
- Sec. 4. Right of condemnation. Every telecommunications 7
- 8 telecommuneiations carrier as defined in the
- Telecommunications Municipal Infrastructure Maintenance Fee 9
- Act may, when it shall be necessary for the construction, 10
- alteration extension 11 maintenance, or  $\circ f$ its
- 12 telecommunications system, or any part thereof, enter upon,
- 13 take or damage private property in the manner provided for
- in, and the compensation therefor shall be ascertained and 14
- 15 made in conformity to the provisions of the Telegraph Act and
- 16 every telecommunications carrier is authorized to construct,
- maintain, alter and extend its poles, wires, and other 17
- 18 appliances as a proper use of highways, along, upon, under
- 19 and across any highway, street, alley, public right-of-way
- this State, but so as not to incommode the public in the use

dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, or water in

- 22 thereof: Provided, that nothing in this act shall interfere
- with the control now vested in cities, incorporated towns and 23
- villages in relation to the regulation of the poles, 24
- cables and other appliances, and provided, that before any 25
- 26 such lines shall be constructed along any such highway,
- 27 street, alley, public right-of-way dedicated or commonly used
- for utility purposes, or water it shall be the duty of the 28
- 29 telecommunications carrier proposing to construct any such
- line, to give (in the case of cities, villages, 30 and
- 31 incorporated towns) to the corporate authorities of the

1 municipality or their designees (hereinafter, municipal 2 corporate authorities) or (in other cases) to the highway commissioners having jurisdiction and control over the road 3 4 or part thereof along and over which such line is proposed to 5 be constructed, notice in writing in the form of plans, 6 specifications, and documentation of the purpose and 7 intention of the company to construct such line over and alley, public right-of-way 8 the highway, street, 9 dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, or water, which notice shall be served at least 10 days before the line 10 11 shall be placed or constructed over and along the highway, street, alley, public right-of-way dedicated or commonly used 12 for utility purposes, or water (30 days in the case of any 13 notice providing for excavation relating to new construction 14 in a public highway, street, alley, public right-of-way 15 16 dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, or water); and upon the giving of the notice it shall be the duty of the 17 municipal corporate authorities or the highway commissioners 18 19 to specify the portion of such highway, street, alley, public right-of-way dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, 20 2.1 or water upon which the line may be placed, used, and 22 constructed, and it shall thereupon be the duty of 23 telecommunications retailer provide the municipal to authorities or highway commissioners with any and all plans, 24 25 specifications, and documentation available and to construct its line in accordance with such specifications; but in the 26 event that the municipal corporate authorities or the highway 27 commissioners fail to provide such specification within 10 28 days after the service of such notice, (25 days in the case 29 30 excavation relating to new construction) then the telecommunications retailer, without 31 such specification 32 having been made, may proceed to place and erect its line public 33 along the highway, street, alley, right-of-way 34 dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, or water by

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1 placing its posts, poles and abutments so as not to interfere 2 with other proper uses of the highway, street, alley, public right-of-way dedicated or commonly used for utility purposes, 3 4 The telecommunications carrier proposing to water. 5 construct any such line shall comply with the provisions 6 Section 9--113 of the Illinois Highway Code. Provided, that 7 the telecommunications carrier shall not have the right 8 condemn any portion of the right-of-way of any railroad 9 company except as much thereof as is necessary to cross 10 same.

The Illinois Commerce Commission may adopt reasonable rules governing the negotiation procedures that are used by a telecommunications carrier during precondemnation negotiations for the purchase of land rights-of-way and easements, including procedures for providing information to the public and affected landowners concerning the project and the right-of-way easements sought in connection therewith.

Such rules may be made applicable to interstate, competitive intrastate and noncompetitive intrastate facilities, without regard to whether such facilities or the telecommunications carrier proposing to construct and operate them would otherwise be subject to the Illinois Commerce Commission's jurisdiction under the Public Utilities Act, now or hereafter amended. However, as to facilities used to provide exclusively interstate services or competitive intrastate services or both, nothing in this Section confers any power upon the Commission (i) to require the disclosure of proprietary, competitively sensitive, or cost information or information not known to the telecommunications carrier, (ii) to determine whether, or conduct hearings regarding whether, any proposed fiber optic or other facilities should should not be constructed and operated, or (iii) to determine or specify, or conduct hearings concerning, the price or other terms or conditions of the purchase of the

- 1 right-of-way easements sought. With respect to facilities
- 2 used to provide any intrastate services classified in the
- 3 condemnor's tariff as noncompetitive under Seetion-13-502--of
- 4 the Public Utilities Act, the rulemaking powers conferred
- 5 upon the Commission under this Section are in addition to any
- 6 rulemaking powers arising under the Public Utilities Act.
- 7 No telecommunications carrier shall exercise the power to
- 8 condemn private property until it has first substantially
- 9 complied with such rules with respect to the property sought
- 10 to be condemned. If such rules call for providing notice or
- 11 information before or during negotiations, a failure to
- 12 provide such notice or information shall not constitute a
- 13 waiver of the rights granted in this Section, but the
- 14 telecommunications carrier shall be liable for all reasonable
- 15 attorney's fees of that landowner resulting from such
- 16 failure.
- 17 (Source: P.A. 90-154, eff. 1-1-98.)
- 18 Section 10. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
- 19 changing Sections 4-402, 5-104, 5-109, 8-406, 8-509, 9-201,
- 20 10-101, 10-103, 10-108, 13-100, 13-101, 13-102, 13-103,
- 21 13-203, 13-204, 13-301, 13-301.1, 13-302, 13-401, 13-402,
- 22 13-404, 13-406, 13-501, 13-504, 13-505.2, 13-505.3, 13-505.4,
- 23 13-505.6, 13-505.7, 13-506.1, 13-508, 13-512, 13-703, 13-803,
- 24 and 13-901, and adding Sections 10-101.5, 10-103.5, 10-114,
- 25 13-203.5, 13-300, 13-303, and 13-304 as follows:
- 26 (220 ILCS 5/4-402) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 4-402)
- Sec. 4-402. <u>Pending action; effect of amendatory Act.</u>
- 28 This-amendatory-Act-of-1985-shall-not-affect-pending--actions
- 29 or--proceedings,--civil--or--criminal,--in-any-court-or-other
- 30 tribunal-brought-by-or-against-the-People--of--the--State--of
- 31 Illinois--or-the-Illinois-Commerce-Commission-or-by-any-other
- 32 person,-firm-or-corporation-under-the-provisions-of-this--Act

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      proceeding,-instituted-or-conducted-by-the--Commission--prior
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decisions, rules, and regulations in pending proceedings or 25 in proceedings in which a final order has been issued to

Act.-Notwithstanding-the-provisions-of--this--Section,--where

applicable, The Commission shall amend its findings, orders,

- conform to the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 92nd 26
- 27 General Assembly as soon as practicable after the effective
- date of this amendatory Act. 28
- 29 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)

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- (220 ILCS 5/5-104) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 5-104) 30
- Sec. 5-104. Depreciation accounts. 31
- The Commission shall have power, after hearing, to 32 (a)
- require any or all public utilities and telecommunications 33

1 carriers as defined by Section 13-202, except electric public 2 utilities, to keep such accounts as will adequately reflect depreciation, obsolescence and the progress of the arts. The 3 4 Commission may, from time to time, ascertain and determine 5 and by order fix the proper and adequate rate of depreciation 6 the several classes of property for each public utility; 7 and each public utility shall conform its depreciation accounts to the rates so ascertained, determined and fixed. 8

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- The Commission shall have the power, after hearing, to require any or all electric public utilities to keep such depreciation, accounts as will adequately reflect obsolescence, and the progress of the arts. The Commission may, from time to time, ascertain and determine and by order fix the proper and adequate rate of depreciation of the several classes of property for each electric public utility; and each electric public utility shall thereafter, further order of the Commission, conform its depreciation accounts to the rates so ascertained, determined and fixed until at least the end of the first full calendar year following the date of such determination.
- (c) A telecommunications carrier and an electric public utility may from time to time alter the annual rates of depreciation, which for purposes of this subsection (c) and subsection (d) shall include amortization, that it applies to its several classes of assets so long as the rates are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. A telecommunications carrier and an The electric public utility shall file a statement with the Commission which shall set forth the new rates of depreciation and which shall contain a certification by an independent certified public accountant that the new rates of depreciation are consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Upon the filing of such statement, the new rates of depreciation shall be deemed to be approved by the Commission as the rates of depreciation

to be applied thereafter by the public utility as though an order had been entered pursuant to subsection (b).

- In any proceeding conducted pursuant to Section 3 4 9-201 or 9-202 to set an electric public utility's rates for the Commission may determine not to use, 5 6 determining the depreciation expense component of the public 7 utility's rates for service, the rates of depreciation 8 established pursuant to subsection (c), if the Commission in that proceeding finds based on the record that different 9 rates of depreciation are required to adequately reflect 10 11 depreciation, obsolescence and the progress of the arts, and fixes by order and uses for purposes of that proceeding new 12 rates of depreciation to be thereafter employed by the 13 electric public utility until the end of the first full 14 calendar year following the date of the determination and 15 16 thereafter until altered in accordance with subsection (b) or (c) of this Section. 17
- 18 (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97.)
- 19 (220 ILCS 5/5-109) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 5-109)
- 2.0 5-109. Reports by public utilities. Except for 21 telecommunication carriers as defined by Section 13-202, a 22 Each public utility in the State shall each year furnish to the Commission, in such form as the Commission shall require, 23 24 annual reports as to all the items mentioned in the preceding sections of this article, and in addition such other items, 25 whether of a nature similar to those therein enumerated or 26 otherwise, as the Commission may prescribe. Such annual 27 28 reports shall contain all the required information for the period to twelve months ending on the thirtieth day of June 29 in each year, or ending on the thirty-first day of December 30 in each year, as the Commission may by order prescribe for 31 each class of public utilities, and shall be filed with the 32 Commission at its office in Springfield within three months 33

1 after the close of the year for which the report is made. The

2 Commission shall have authority to require any public utility

3 to file monthly reports of earnings and expenses of such

utility, and to file other periodical or special, or both

periodical and special reports concerning any matter about

which the Commission is authorized by law to keep itself

7 informed. All reports shall be under oath.

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When any report is erroneous or defective or appears to 8 9 the Commission to be erroneous or defective, the Commission may notify the public utility to amend such report within 10 11 thirty days, and before or after the termination of such period the Commission may examine the officers, agents, or 12 employees, and books, records, accounts, vouchers, plant, 13 equipment and property of such public utility, and correct 14 15 such items in the report as upon such examination the

All reports made to the Commission by any public utility and the contents thereof shall be open to public inspection, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Such reports shall be preserved in the office of the Commission.

Any public utility which fails to make and file any report called for by the Commission within the time specified; or to make specific answer to any question propounded by the Commission within thirty days from the time it is lawfully required to do so, or within such further time, not to exceed ninety days, as may in its discretion be allowed by the Commission, shall forfeit up to \$100 for each and every day it may so be in default if the utility collects less than \$100,000 annually in gross revenue; and if the utility collects \$100,000 or more annually in gross revenue, it shall forfeit \$100 per day for each and every day it is in default.

Any person who wilfully makes any false return or report to the Commission, or to any member, officer or employee

- 1 thereof, and any person who aids or abets such person shall
- 2 be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)
- 4 (220 ILCS 5/8-406) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-406)
- 5 Sec. 8-406. Certificate of public convenience and
- 6 necessity.
- 7 (a) No public utility not owning any city or village
- 8 franchise nor engaged in performing any public service or in
- 9 furnishing any product or commodity within this State as of
- 10 July 1, 1921 and not possessing a certificate of public
- 11 convenience and necessity from the Illinois Commerce
- 12 Commission, the State Public Utilities Commission or the
- 13 Public Utilities Commission, at the time this amendatory Act
- of 1985 goes into effect, shall transact any business in this
- 15 State until it shall have obtained a certificate from the
- 16 Commission that public convenience and necessity require the
- 17 transaction of such business. Article XIII shall govern the
- 18 <u>issuance of certificates in this State for telecommunications</u>
- 19 <u>carriers to provide telecommunications services.</u>
- 20 (b) No public utility shall begin the construction of
- 21 any new plant, equipment, property or facility which is not
- 22 in substitution of any existing plant, equipment, property or
- 23 facility or any extension or alteration thereof or in
- 24 addition thereto, unless and until it shall have obtained
- 25 from the Commission a certificate that public convenience and
- 26 necessity require such construction. Whenever after a hearing
- 27 the Commission determines that any new construction or the
- 28 transaction of any business by a public utility will promote
- 29 the public convenience and is necessary thereto, it shall
- 30 have the power to issue certificates of public convenience
- 31 and necessity. The Commission shall determine that proposed
- 32 construction will promote the public convenience and
- 33 necessity only if the utility demonstrates: (1) that the

reliable, and efficient service to its customers and is the least-cost means of satisfying the service needs of its customers; (2) that the utility is capable of efficiently managing and supervising the construction process and has taken sufficient action to ensure adequate and efficient construction and supervision thereof; and (3) that the

proposed construction is necessary to provide adequate,

8 utility is capable of financing the proposed construction

9 without significant adverse financial consequences for the

10 utility or its customers.

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(c) After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1987, no construction shall commence on any new nuclear power plant to be located within this State, and no certificate of public convenience and necessity or other authorization shall be issued therefor by the Commission, until the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency finds that the United States Government, through its authorized agency, has identified and approved a demonstrable technology or means for the disposal of high level nuclear waste, or until such construction has been specifically approved by a statute enacted by the General Assembly.

As used in this Section, "high level nuclear waste" means those aqueous wastes resulting from the operation of the first cycle of the solvent extraction system or equivalent and the concentrated wastes of the subsequent extraction cycles or equivalent in a facility for reprocessing irradiated reactor fuel and shall include spent fuel assemblies prior to fuel reprocessing.

- (d) In making its determination, the Commission shall attach primary weight to the cost or cost savings to the customers of the utility. The Commission may consider any or all factors which will or may affect such cost or cost savings.
- 34 (e) The Commission may issue a temporary certificate

1 which shall remain in force not to exceed one year in cases

of emergency, to assure maintenance of adequate service or to

- 3 serve particular customers, without notice or hearing,
- 4 pending the determination of an application for a
- 5 certificate, and may by regulation exempt from the
- 6 requirements of this Section temporary acts or operations for
- 7 which the issuance of a certificate will not be required in
- 8 the public interest.
- 9 A public utility shall not be required to obtain but may
- 10 apply for and obtain a certificate of public convenience and
- 11 necessity pursuant to this Section with respect to any matter
- 12 as to which it has received the authorization or order of the
- 13 Commission under the Electric Supplier Act, and any such
- 14 authorization or order granted a public utility by the
- 15 Commission under that Act shall as between public utilities
- 16 be deemed to be, and shall have except as provided in that
- 17 Act the same force and effect as, a certificate of public
- 18 convenience and necessity issued pursuant to this Section.
- No electric cooperative shall be made or shall become a
- 20 party to or shall be entitled to be heard or to otherwise
- 21 appear or participate in any proceeding initiated under this
- 22 Section for authorization of power plant construction and as
- 23 to matters as to which a remedy is available under The
- 24 Electric Supplier Act.
- 25 (f) Such certificates may be altered or modified by the
- 26 Commission, upon its own motion or upon application by the
- 27 person or corporation affected. Unless exercised within a
- 28 period of 2 years from the grant thereof authority conferred
- 29 by a certificate of convenience and necessity issued by the
- 30 Commission shall be null and void.
- 31 No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall
- 32 be construed as granting a monopoly or an exclusive
- 33 privilege, immunity or franchise.
- 34 (Source: P.A. 90-561, eff. 12-16-97.)

1 (220 ILCS 5/8-509) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 8-509)

Sec. 8-509. When necessary for the construction of any alterations, additions, extensions, or improvements ordered or authorized under Section 8-503 er-12-218 of this Act, any public utility may enter upon, take or damage private property in the manner provided for by the law of eminent

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This Section applies to the exercise of eminent domain powers by telephone companies or telecommunications carriers only when the facilities to be constructed are intended to be used in whole or in part for providing one or more intrastate noncompetitive telecommunications services elassified---as "noncompetitive"--under--Section--13-502-in-a-tariff-filed by the condemnor. The exercise of eminent domain powers by telephone companies or telecommunications carriers in all other cases shall be governed solely by "An Act relating to the powers, duties and property of telephone companies", approved May 16, 1903, as now or hereafter amended.

- 19 (Source: P.A. 86-221.)
- 20 (220 ILCS 5/9-201) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 9-201)
- Sec. 9-201. Rate changes.
- Unless the Commission otherwise orders, and except 22 as otherwise provided in this Section, no change shall be 23 24 made by any public utility in any rate or other charge or classification, or in any rule, regulation, practice or 25 contract relating to or affecting any rate or other charge, 26 classification or service, or in any privilege or facility, 27 except after 30 45 days' notice to the Commission and to the 28 29 public as herein provided. Such notice shall be given by 30 filing with the Commission and keeping open for public 31 inspection new schedules or supplements stating plainly the change or changes to be made in the schedule or schedules 32 33 then in force, and the time when the change or changes will

1 go into effect, and by publication in a newspaper of general

2 circulation or such other notice to persons affected by such

change as may be prescribed by rule of the Commission. The

4 Commission, for good cause shown, may allow changes without

requiring the 30 45 days' notice herein provided for, by an

order specifying the changes so to be made and the time when

7 they shall take effect and the manner in which they shall be

8 filed and published.

When any change is proposed in any rate or other charge, or classification, or in any rule, regulation, practice, or contract relating to or affecting any rate or other charge, classification or service, or in any privilege or facility, such proposed change shall be plainly indicated on the new schedule filed with the Commission, by some character to be designated by the Commission, immediately preceding or

16 following the item.

When any public utility providing water or sewer service proposes any change in any rate or other charge, or classification, or in any rule, regulation, practice, or contract relating to or affecting any rate or other charge, classification or service, or in any privilege or facility, such utility shall, in addition to the other notice requirements of this Act, provide notice of such change to all customers potentially affected by including a notice and description of such change, and of Commission procedures for intervention, in the first bill sent to each such customer after the filing of the proposed change.

(b) Whenever there shall be filed with the Commission any schedule stating an individual or joint rate or other charge, classification, contract, practice, rule or regulation, the Commission shall have power, and it is hereby given authority, either upon complaint or upon its own initiative without complaint, at once, and if it so orders, without answer or other formal pleadings by the interested

1 public utility or utilities, but upon reasonable notice, to 2 enter upon a hearing concerning the propriety of such rate or other charge, classification, contract, practice, rule or 3 4 regulation, and pending the hearing and decision thereon, 5 such rate or other charge, classification, 6 practice, rule or regulation shall not go into effect. 7 period of suspension of such rate or other 8 classification, contract, practice, rule or regulation shall 9 not extend more than 105 days beyond the time when such rate or other charge, classification, contract, practice, rule or 10 11 regulation would otherwise go into effect unless t.he Commission, in its discretion, extends the period of 12 suspension for a further period not exceeding 6 months. 13

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All rates or other charges, classifications, contracts, practices, rules or regulations not so suspended shall, on the expiration of 30 45 days from the time of filing the same with the Commission, or of such lesser time as the Commission may grant, go into effect and be the established and effective rates or other charges, classifications, contracts, practices, rules and regulations, subject to the power of the Commission, after a hearing had on its own motion or upon complaint, as herein provided, to alter or modify the same.

Within 30 days after such changes have been authorized by the Commission, copies of the new or revised schedules shall be posted or filed in accordance with the terms of Section 9-103 of this Act, in such a manner that all changes shall be plainly indicated.

(c) If the Commission enters upon a hearing concerning the propriety of any proposed rate or other charge, classification, contract, practice, rule or regulation, the Commission shall establish the rates or other charges, classifications, contracts, practices, rules or regulations proposed, in whole or in part, or others in lieu thereof, which it shall find to be just and reasonable. In such

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- 1 hearing, the burden of proof to establish the justness and
- 2 reasonableness of the proposed rates or other charges,
- 3 classifications, contracts, practices, rules or regulations,
- 4 in whole and in part, shall be upon the utility. No rate or
- 5 other charge, classification, contract, practice, rule or
- 6 regulation shall be found just and reasonable unless it is
- 7 consistent with Sections of this Article.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 84-617.)

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- 9 (220 ILCS 5/10-101) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 10-101)
- 11 Commission, or any commissioner or hearing examiner

10-101. <u>Investigations and hearings.</u>

- 12 designated by the Commission, shall have power to hold
- investigations, inquiries and hearings concerning any matters
- 14 covered by the provisions of this Act, or by any other Acts
- 15 relating to public utilities subject to such rules and
- 16 regulations as the Commission may establish. In the conduct
- 17 of any investigation, inquiry or hearing the provisions of
- 18 the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, including but not
- 19 limited to Sections 10-25 and 10-35 of that Act, shall be
- 20 applicable and the Commission's rules shall be consistent

therewith. Complaint cases initiated pursuant to any Section

of this Act, investigative proceedings and ratemaking cases

- 23 shall be considered "contested cases" as defined in Section
- 24 1-30 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, any
- 25 contrary provision therein notwithstanding. Any proceeding
- intended to lead to the establishment of policies, practices,
- 27 rules or programs applicable to more than one utility may, in
- the Commission's discretion, be conducted pursuant to either
- 29 rulemaking or contested case provisions, provided such choice
- 30 is clearly indicated at the beginning of such proceeding and
- 31 subsequently adhered to. No violation of this Section or the
- 32 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act and no informality in
- 33 any proceeding or in the manner of taking testimony before

- 1 the Commission, any commissioner or hearing examiner of the
- 2 Commission shall invalidate any order, decision, rule or
- 3 regulation made, approved, or confirmed by the Commission in
- 4 the absence of prejudice. All hearings conducted by the
- 5 Commission shall be open to the public.
- 6 Each commissioner and every hearing examiner of the
- 7 Commission designated by it to hold any inquiry,
- 8 investigation or hearing, shall have the power to administer
- 9 oaths and affirmations, certify to all official acts, issue
- 10 subpoenas, compel the attendance and testimony of witnesses,
- and the production of papers, books, accounts and documents.
- When hearings are required under this Act, hearings shall
- 13 be held either by the Commission or by one or more
- 14 commissioners or hearing examiners.
- When any counselor or attorney at law, licensed in any
- other state or territory, may desire to appear before the
- 17 Commission, such counselor or attorney shall be allowed to
- 18 appear before the Commission upon the same terms and in the
- 19 same manner that counselors and attorneys at law licensed in
- 20 this State now are or hereafter may be admitted to appear in
- 21 such other state or territory before its Commission or
- 22 equivalent body.
- 23 All evidence presented at hearings held by the Commission
- or under its authority shall become a part of the records of
- 25 the Commission. In all cases in which the Commission bases
- 26 any action on reports of investigation or inquiries not
- 27 conducted as hearings, such reports shall be made a part of
- 28 the records of the Commission. All proceedings of the
- 29 Commission and all documents and records in its possession
- 30 shall be public records, except as in this Act otherwise
- 31 provided.
- 32 To the extent consistent with this Section and the
- 33 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act, the Commission may
- 34 adopt reasonable and proper rules and regulations relative to

- 1 the exercise of its powers, and proper rules to govern its
- 2 proceedings, and regulate the mode and manner of all
- 3 investigations and hearings, and alter and amend the same.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 88-45.)
- 5 (220 ILCS 5/10-101.5 new)
- 6 Sec. 10-101.5. Settlements. All parties to contested
- 7 proceedings before the Commission are encouraged to enter
- 8 <u>into settlements when possible. The Commission may adopt a</u>
- 9 <u>settlement reached between some, but not all, parties in any</u>
- 10 <u>contested matter without reaching a decision on the merits of</u>
- 11 <u>the contested issues when:</u>
- 12 (1) non-agreeing parties are provided a reasonable
- 13 <u>opportunity to state their objections to the proposed</u>
- settlement on the record of the proceeding; and
- 15 (2) the Commission, after reviewing the objections,
- 16 <u>finds that the settlement as a whole represents a</u>
- 17 <u>reasonable resolution of the proceeding or some portion</u>
- 18 <u>thereof</u>.
- 19 (220 ILCS 5/10-103) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 10-103)
- Sec. 10-103. <u>Proceedings before Commission.</u>
- 21 (a) In all proceedings, investigations, or hearings
- 22 <u>conducted</u> by the <u>Commission</u>, except in the disposition of
- 23 <u>matters that the Commission is authorized to entertain or</u>
- 24 <u>dispose of on an ex parte basis, any finding, decision, or</u>
- 25 <u>order made by the Commission shall be based exclusively on</u>
- 26 <u>the record for decision in the case, which shall include all</u>
- 27 pleadings (including all notices and responses to those
- 28 <u>pleadings), motions, rulings, evidence received, statements</u>
- of matters officially noticed, offers of proof and objections
- 30 <u>to and rulings on those offers of proof, proposed findings</u>
- 31 <u>and exceptions, decisions, opinions, or reports by the</u>
- 32 <u>hearing examiner</u>, the transcript of all oral proceedings and

- 1 testimony, and exhibits together with all papers and requests
- 2 <u>filed in the proceeding. In contested cases, the documents</u>
- 3 and information described in subsections (b),(c), (d), and
- 4 (e) of this Section, as well as the documents and
- 5 <u>information described in Section 10-103.5, shall not form</u>
- 6 the basis of any findings of fact in a proceeding,
- 7 <u>investigation</u>, or hearing conducted by the Commission, except
- 8 upon notice and an opportunity for all parties to
- 9 <u>participate</u>.

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- 10 (b) A communication between a commissioner, his or her
- 11 <u>assistant</u>, or other person who is or may be expected to be
- 12 <u>involved in the decisional process of a contested case with</u>
- 13 <u>any party or representative of a party to a proceeding for</u>
- 14 <u>any telecommunications carrier or any representative of the</u>
- 15 <u>carrier concerning any matter of fact, law, or policy at</u>
- 16 <u>issue in the case that occurs after the initial notice of</u>
- 17 <u>hearing</u>, but before the close of the evidentiary or
- 18 <u>fact-finding portion of the proceedings, shall</u> <u>be reported</u>
- in accordance with Section 10-103.5.
- 20 (c) A commissioner, his or her assistant, and any other
- 21 person who is or reasonably may be expected to be involved in
- 22 <u>the decisional process of a contested proceeding may not,</u>
- 23 <u>after the close of the evidentiary or fact-finding portion of</u>

a contested proceeding and before a final order of the

Commission or any order on rehearing, whichever is later,

- 26 <u>communicate</u>, <u>directly</u> or <u>indirectly</u>, <u>in connection</u> with any
- 27 <u>matter of fact, law, or policy at issue in the proceeding,</u>
- with any party or representative of a party to the proceeding
- 29 for any telecommunications carrier or any representative of
- 30 the carrier, except upon notice and opportunity for all
- 31 parties to participate. From the time a hearing examiner is
- 32 <u>assigned to the proceeding until a final order of the</u>
- 33 <u>Commission or any order on rehearing, whichever is later, a</u>
- 34 <u>hearing examiner may not communicate, directly or indirectly,</u>

in connection with any matter of fact, law, or policy at 2 issue in the proceeding with any person who is not involved 3 in the decisional process, except upon notice and opportunity 4 for all parties to participate. Except as otherwise provided by law, from the time a hearing examiner is assigned to the 5 proceeding until the hearing examiner submits a proposed 6 order to the Commission, a hearing examiner may not 7 8 communicate, directly or indirectly, in connection with any 9 matter of fact, law, or policy at issue in the proceeding 10 with any person who is involved in the decisional process, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to 11 participate. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit a 12 13 commissioner from communicating with another commissioner or having the aid or advice of one or more assistants. However, 14 the provisions of Section 10-60 of the Illinois 15 Administrative Procedure Act apply in full to, and the 16 provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this Section do not 17 apply to, proceedings initiated by individual customers, not 18 including customers certified as providers under this Act. 19 (d) The provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this 20 Section and Section 10-60 of the Illinois Administrative 21 22 Procedure Act shall not apply to communications with persons 23 who are not parties or representatives of parties to a proceeding (non-parties) unless the non-parties are 24 telecommunications carriers or representatives of those 25 carriers and to communications between Commission employees 26 27 who are engaged in investigatory, prosecutorial, or advocacy functions and other parties to the proceeding, however, the 28 Commission employees are governed by Section 10-60 of the 29 Illinois Administrative Procedure Act as modified by 30 31 subsections (b) and (c) of this Section with respect to communicating, directly or indirectly, with members of the 32 Commission or their assistants, any hearing examiner in the 33 34 proceeding, or any Commission employee who is or may

reasonably be expected to be involved in the decisional process of the proceeding.

(e) A commissioner, commissioner's assistant, hearing examiner, or other Commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in the decisional process of a proceeding, who receives, or who makes or knowingly causes to be made, a communication prohibited by Section 10-60 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act as modified by this Section, must place on the public record of the proceeding: (1) any and all such written communications; (2) memoranda stating the substance of any and all such oral communications; and (3) any and all written responses and memoranda stating the substance of any and all oral responses to the materials described in clauses (1) and (2).

(f) The Commission, or any commissioner or hearing examiner presiding over the proceeding, shall in the event of a violation of this Section, take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the violation does not prejudice any party or adversely affect the fairness of the proceedings.

In-all-proceedings,-investigations-or-hearings-conducted by-the-Commission,-except-in-the-disposition-of-matters-which the-Commission-is-authorized-to-entertain-or-dispose-of-on-an ex-parte-basis,--any-finding,-decision-or-order-made-by-the Commission-shall-be-based-exclusively--on-the-record-for decision-in-the-case,-which-shall-include-only-the-transcript of--testimony--and-exhibits--together--with--all--papers-and requests-filed-in-the-proceeding,--including,--in-contested cases,--the--documents--and--information-described-in-Section 10-35-of-the-Illinois-Administrative-Procedure-Act.

The--provisions--of--Section--10-60---of---the---Illinois

Administrative---Procedure---Act---shall--apply--in--full--to

Commission--proceedings,--including--ratemaking--cases,---any

provision-of-the-Illinois-Administrative-Procedure-Act-to-the

contrary--notwithstanding.--The--provisions--of-Section-10-60

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      shall--not--apply,---however,---to---communications---between
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      Commission---employees--who--are--engaged--in--investigatory,
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      prosecutorial-or-advocacy-functions-and-other-parties-to--the
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      proceeding,-provided-that-such-Commission-employees-are-still
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      prohibited--from--communicating--on--an--ex--parte--basis,-as
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      designated-in-Section-10-60,--directly--or--indirectly,--with
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      members--of--the--Commission,--any--hearing--examiner--in-the
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      proceeding,--or--any--Commission--employee--who--is--or--may
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      reasonably--be--expected--to--be--involved--in-the-decisional
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          Any-commissioner,-hearing-examiner,-or--other--Commission
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      employee--who-is-or-may-reasonably-be-expected-to-be-involved
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      in-the-decisional-process-of-a-proceeding,-who--receives,--or
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      who--makes--or--knowingly--eauses-to-be-made,-a-communication
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      prohibited-by-Section-10-60-of--the--Illinois--Administrative
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      Procedure-Act-as-modified-by-this-Section,-shall-place-on-the
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      public--record-of-the-proceeding-(1)-any-and-all-such-written
      communications; -(2)-memoranda-stating-the--substance--of--any
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      and-all-such-oral-communications;-and-(3)-any-and-all-written
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      responses -- and -memoranda - stating - the - substance - of - any - and - all
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      oral-responses-to-the-materials-described-in-clauses-(1)--and
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          The--Commission,--or-any-commissioner-or-hearing-examiner
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      presiding-over-the--proceeding,--shall--in--the--event--of--a
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      violation--of-this-Section,-take-whatever-action-is-necessary
      to-ensure-that-such-violation-does-not-prejudice-any-party-or
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      adversely-affect-the-fairness-of-the-proceedings.
      (Source: P.A. 88-45.)
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          (220 ILCS 5/10-103.5 new)
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          Sec. 10-103.5. Reporting communications with Commission.
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      A communication required to be reported under subsection
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      (b) of Section 10-103 shall be reported by the commissioner,
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his or her assistant, or any person who is or may be expected

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- 2 receives that communication on the date the communication is
- 3 <u>made</u> by filing and serving a notice of communication in a
- 4 <u>contested case with the Commission</u>. This notice shall be
- 5 served on the hearing examiner and all parties of record by
- 6 <u>mail within 7 days of the communication. The notice shall</u>
- 7 <u>include the following information:</u>
- 8 <u>(1) the date, time, and location of the</u>
- 9 <u>communication and whether it was oral, written, or a</u>
- 10 <u>combination;</u>
- 11 (2) the identity of the recipients and the persons
- 12 <u>initiating the communication, as well as the identity of</u>
- the persons present during the communication; and
- 14 (3) a description of the communication and its
- 15 <u>content, including a copy of any written material or text</u>
- 16 <u>provided during the communication.</u>
- 17 (220 ILCS 5/10-108) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 10-108)
- Sec. 10-108. Complaints; notice; parties. Complaint may
- 19 be made by the Commission, of its own motion or by any person
- or corporation, chamber of commerce, board of trade, or any
- 21 industrial, commercial, mercantile, agricultural or
- 22 manufacturing society, or any body politic or municipal
- 23 corporation by petition or complaint in writing, setting
- 24 forth any act or things done or omitted to be done in
- violation, or claimed to be in violation, of any provision of
- 26 this Act, or of any order or rule of the Commission. In the
- 27 discretion of the Commission, matters presented by one
- 28 complaint may be ordered separated, and matters upon which
- 29 complaint may be founded may be joined. No objection shall be
- 30 sustained to a separation merely because the matters
- 31 separated are under the ownership, control or management of
- 32 the same persons or corporation. No complaint shall be
- 33 dismissed because of the absence of direct damage to the

complainant.

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2 Upon the filing of a complaint the Commission shall cause a copy thereof to be served upon the person or corporation 3 4 complained of which shall be accompanied by a 5 requiring that the complaint be satisfied and answered within 6 a reasonable time to be specified by the Commission or within 7 the discretion of the Commission, by a notice fixing a time when and place where a hearing will be had upon such 8 9 complaint. Notice of the time and place shall also be given to the complainant and to such other persons as 10 11 Commission shall deem necessary. The Commission shall have 12 authority to hear and investigate complaint any notwithstanding the fact that the person or corporation 13 complained of may have satisfied the complaint. 14

The time fixed for such hearing shall not be less than ten days after the date of the service of such notice and complaint except as herein provided. Service in all hearings, investigations, and proceedings before the Commission may be made upon any person upon whom a summons may be served in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Practice Law and all existing and future amendments thereto and modifications thereof and the Supreme Court Rules now or hereafter adopted in relation to that Law, and may be made personally, by electronic means, or by mailing same in the United States a sealed envelope with postage prepaid. in The provisions of this section as to notice shall apply to all hearings held by the Commission or under its authority.

Any public utility shall have a right to complain on any of the grounds upon which complaints are allowed to be filed by other parties, and the same procedure shall be adopted and followed as in other cases.

All cities shall have power to appear as complainants or to make application before the Illinois Commerce Commission for an inquiry, investigation or hearing relating to the

1 rates or other charges or services of public utilities within 2 such city, except for telecommunications carriers electing an alternative form of regulation under Sec. 13-506.1; and in 3 4 any inquiry, investigation or hearing by or before of 5 the Illinois Commerce Commission on any matter relating to 6 the rates or other charges or services within any city, the 7 city shall receive written notice not less than ten days 8 before such inquiry, investigation or hearing, and shall be 9 entitled to appear and present evidence relating to subject matter of such inquiry, investigation or hearing. 10 11 Such notice shall be served upon the city clerk.

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Whenever there shall be filed a complaint under Article IX of this Act regarding the rates, charges, classifications or services of a public utility, the Commission shall make and render findings concerning the subject matter and facts complained of and enter its order based thereon not later than one year after the filing of such complaint unless all parties to the complaint proceeding under Article IX agree to a period of greater than one year, provided that any agreement to extend the one year period must be in writing and must be for a specified period of time not exceeding 60 days. The parties may enter into more than one agreement to This paragraph does not apply to extend time. telecommunications carriers electing an alternative form of regulation under Sec. 13-506.1.

In the event that the Commission fails to enter its order within one year after the filing of the complaint or upon the expiration of the last agreement to extend time, any party may file a complaint in the circuit court for an emergency order of mandamus to direct and compel the Commission to enter its order within 60 days of the expiration of the one year period or within 60 days of the expiration of the last agreement to extend time, and the court shall set a schedule to enable the Commission to complete the case and enter an

order within the time frame specified herein. Summons upon 2 the complaint shall be returnable within 5 days. complaint for an order of mandamus shall be brought in the 3 4 circuit in which the subject matter of the complaint is situated or, if the subject matter of the hearing is situated 5 in more than one circuit, then in any one of those circuits. 6 7 In order to speed the resolution of retail customer 8 complaints, the Commission's Consumers Affairs Staff shall 9 offer a mandatory dispute resolution process for the benefit 10 of retail customers when the matter in dispute is less than 11 \$5,000. Within 30 days after receiving a statement of the 12 matter in dispute from a retail customer, the Consumers Affairs staff shall recommend a settlement. Within 7 days 13 after the date of the recommended settlement, a party shall 14 15 file with the Staff a written acceptance or rejection of the recommended settlement. If the parties accept the 16 17 recommendation, then the recommendation shall become the final order in a contested case. If a party rejects the 18 recommended settlement, then the retail customer may proceed 19 to a contested case hearing under this Article. The party 20 that rejects the recommended settlement shall pay the 2.1 22 opposing party's actual costs of proceeding to a contested case hearing, including attorney fees, unless the final order 23 of the Commission is more favorable to the rejecting party 24 than the recommended settlement under this Section. A final 25 order is considered more favorable if it differs by 10% or 26 more from the recommended settlement in favor of the 27 rejecting party. If the settlement recommendation is not 28 29 accepted, the individual commissioners and hearing examiners shall not be informed of the recommended settlement until 30 31 they have issued their final order in order to avoid prejudicing the interests of retail customers and other 32 parties. This Section shall not extend or toll the time 33 within which the Commission is required to issue its final 34

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1 <u>order under Section 10-108.</u>
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2 (Source: P.A. 91-341, eff. 7-29-99.)
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3 (220 ILCS 5/10-114 new)
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- 4 Sec. 10-114. Resolution on pleading. Notwithstanding
- 5 any other provision of this Act, the Commission shall resolve
- 6 all proceedings on the basis of written pleadings and
- 7 <u>submissions that are verified or supported by affidavit with</u>
- 8 the exception of proceedings arising under Section 13-515.
- 9 Nothing in this Section precludes the Commission from hearing
- oral argument in any proceeding.
- 11 (220 ILCS 5/13-100) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-100)
- 12 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 13 Sec. 13-100. Short title. This Article shall be known
- 14 and may be cited as the <u>Telecommunications</u> Universal
- 15 Telephone-Service-Protection Law of 2001 1985.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)
- 17 (220 ILCS 5/13-101) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-101)
- 18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 19 Sec. 13-101. <u>Application of Act to telecommunications</u>
- 20 <u>rates and services.</u> Except--to--the--extent--modified--or
- 21 supplemented--by-the-specific-provisions-of-this-Article,-the
- 22 Sections-of-this-Act-pertaining-to-public--utilities,--public
- 23 utility--rates--and-services,-and-the-regulation-thereof,-are
- fully---and---equally---applicable---to---noncompetitive
- 25 telecommunications-rates-and--services,--and--the--regulation
- 26 thereof,--except--where--the--context--clearly--renders--such
- 27 provisions--inapplicable. Except to the extent modified or
- 28 supplemented by the specific provisions of this Article  $\underline{\text{or}}$
- 29 <u>any other Article</u>, Articles <u>II</u> I through V, Sections <u>7-204</u>,
- 30 <u>8-101</u>, 8-301, <u>8-406</u>, 8-505, 9-221, 9-222, 9-222.1, 9-222.2,
- 31 9-250, and 9-252.1, and Article Articles X and-XI of this Act

- 1 are fully and equally applicable to competitive
- 2 telecommunications <u>carriers and</u> rates-and services, and the
- 3 regulation thereof.
- 4 (Source: P.A. 90-38, eff. 6-27-97.)
- 5 (220 ILCS 5/13-102) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-102)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 7 Sec. 13-102. Findings. With respect to
- 8 telecommunications services, as herein defined, the General
- 9 Assembly finds that:
- 10 (a) reliable, universally available, and widely
- 11 affordable <u>facilities-based</u> and <u>resold</u> telecommunications
- 12 services for residential customers are essential to the
- health, welfare, and prosperity of all Illinois citizens;
- 14 (b) federal regulatory and judicial rulings in the 1980s
- 15 caused a restructuring of the telecommunications industry and
- 16 <u>have helped open</u> opened--some--aspects--of the industry to
- 17 competitive entry by facilities-based carriers and resellers,
- 18 thereby necessitating revision of State telecommunications
- 19 regulatory policies and practices;
- 20 (c) revisions in telecommunications regulatory policies
- 21 and practices in Illinois beginning in the mid-1980s <u>have</u>
- 22 <u>also</u> brought the benefits of competition to consumers, but
- 23 <u>rapid market changes now necessitate further changes in</u>
- 24 <u>Illinois telecommunications policy</u> in-many-telecommunications
- 25 markets,-but-not-in-local-exchange-telecommunications-service
- 26 markets;
- 27 (d) the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996
- 28 established the goal of opening all telecommunications
- 29 service markets to competition and accords to the states the
- 30 responsibility to establish and enforce policies <u>pursuant to</u>
- 31 <u>that Act that are</u> necessary to attain that goal;
- 32 (e) it is in the immediate interest of the People of the
- 33 State of Illinois for the State to exercise its rights within

- 1 the new framework of federal telecommunications policy to
- 2 ensure that the economic benefits of competition in all
- 3 telecommunications service markets are realized as
- 4 effectively as possible;
- 5 (f) the <u>deregulation of certain retail services</u>
- 6 competitive-offering-of-all-telecommunications-services will
- 7 increase innovation and efficiency in the provision of
- 8 telecommunications services and <u>will lead to market-based</u> may
- 9 lead-to-reduced prices for consumers, increased investment in
- 10 communications infrastructure, the creation of new jobs, and
- 11 the attraction of new businesses to Illinois; and
- 12 (g) protection of the public interest requires changes
- in the regulation of telecommunications carriers and services
- 14 and the deregulation of certain retail telecommunications
- 15 <u>services</u> to ensure, to the maximum feasible extent, the
- 16 reasonable and timely <u>further</u> development of effective
- 17 competition in all telecommunications service markets.
- 18 (Source: P.A. 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.)
- 19 (220 ILCS 5/13-103) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-103)
- 20 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 21 Sec. 13-103. Policy.
- 22 <u>(a) The purpose of this Article is to promote the</u>
- 23 <u>economic development and quality of life of the State of</u>
- 24 <u>Illinois, to stimulate capital investment and competitive</u>
- 25 <u>choice for residential customers, and to ensure adequate and</u>
- 26 <u>effective representation of all citizens' rights and</u>
- 27 <u>interests in facilities-based and resold telecommunications</u>
- 28 <u>services before the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Federal</u>
- 29 <u>Communications Commission, State and federal courts, and any</u>
- 30 <u>other organizations</u>, <u>agencies and public bodies involved in</u>
- 31 <u>the development and consideration of telecommunications</u>
- 32 <u>policy and regulation.</u>
- 33 (b) The General Assembly finds that the expanding effect

- of all telecommunications services on the economy and general
- 2 guality of life in the State requires a regulatory focus by
- 3 the Commission on service quality, safety, and network
- 4 <u>reliability</u>.
- 5 (c) The General Assembly finds that the provision of
- 6 <u>adequate</u>, <u>reliable</u>, <u>telecommunications</u> <u>service</u> <u>on</u> <u>a</u>
- 7 <u>facilities</u> and resold basis critical to the health,
- 8 well-being, and prosperity of all Illinois citizens. It also
- 9 <u>is essential that the State adopt laws and regulations that</u>
- 10 provide incentives to the private sector to innovate, invest
- 11 capital, and expand competitive choice for all
- 12 <u>telecommunications</u> services in order to promote and advance
- economic development, education, health care, and the overall
- 14 quality of life.
- 15 <u>(d) The General Assembly recognizes that the transition</u>
- 16 <u>to a fully competitive industry requires a legislative focus</u>
- on establishing just and reasonable rates through alternative
- 18 regulation for basic residential services, while permitting
- 19 <u>competitive marketplace forces to govern optional residential</u>
- 20 <u>services and all business services.</u>
- 21 <u>(e) The General Assembly recognizes that in a robust and</u>
- 22 <u>expanding competitive environment, consumers face complex new</u>
- 23 <u>issues and choices, requiring an increased regulatory focus</u>
- 24 <u>on resolving residential customer complaints in an</u>
- 25 <u>expeditious and administratively fair manner and on</u>
- 26 <u>expeditiously resolving disputes between competing carriers</u>
- 27 who enter into network interconnection and resale agreements
- in order to increase competitive choices.
- 29 <u>(f) The General Assembly recognizes that new</u>
- 30 <u>technologies</u>, <u>new competitive entrants</u>, <u>and ongoing</u>
- 31 <u>consolidation</u> within the telecommunications industry require
- 32 <u>equal application of all regulations to all service</u>
- 33 <u>providers.</u> Consistent-with-its-findings,-the-General-Assembly
- 34 declares-that-it-is-the-policy-of-the-State-of-Illinois-that:

(a)--telecommunications--services--should-be-available-to 2 all-Illinois-citizens-at--just7--reasonable7--and--affordable 3 rates-and-that-such-services-should-be-provided-as-widely-and 4 economically--as--possible--in--sufficient--variety,-quality, 5  $\verb|quantity-and-reliability-to-satisfy-the-public-interest| \\ if || interest| \\ if$ (b)--consistent--with--the--protection--of--consumers--of 6 7 telecommunications-services--and--the--furtherance--of--other 8 public -- interest-goals -- competition - in-all-telecommunications 9 service--markets--should--be--pursued--as--a--substitute--for 10 regulation-in-determining-the-variety,-quality-and--price--of 11 telecommunications--services-and-that-the-economic-burdens-of 12 regulation-should-be-reduced-to--the---extent---possible 13 consistent--with--the--furtherance--of-market-competition-and 14 protection-of-the-public-interest; 15 (c)--all-necessary-and-appropriate-modifications-to-State 16 regulation-of-telecommunications-carriers-and-services-should 17 be--implemented--without--unnecessary---disruption---to---the telecommunications--infrastructure--system-or-to-consumers-of 18 19 telecommunications-services-and--that--it--is--necessary--and 20 appropriate -- to -- establish -- rules -- to -- encourage -- and -- ensure 21 orderly--transitions--in--the--development-of-markets-for-all 22 telecommunications-services; 23 (d)--the-consumers--of--telecommunications--services--and 24 facilities--provided--by--persons--or--companies--subject--to 25 regulation--pursuant--to--this--Act--and--Article--should--be 26 required--to-pay-only-reasonable-and-non-discriminatory-rates 27 or-charges-and-that-in-no-case-should-rates--or--charges--for 28 non-competitive---telecommunications---services--include--any 29 portion---of----the----cost----of----providing----competitive 30 telecommunications-services,-as-defined-in-Section-13-209,-or 31 the-cost-of-any-nonregulated-activities; 32 (e)--the--regulatory--policies-and-procedures-provided-in 33 this-Article-are-established-in-recognition-of--the--changing 34 nature--of--the--telecommunications--industry--and--therefore

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      that--the--public--benefits--intended--to--result--from--such
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          (f)--development-of-and-prudent--investment--in--advanced
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      telecommunications-services-and-networks-that-foster-economic
      development -- of -- the -- State -- should -be - encouraged - through - the
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      implementation--and--enforcement--of--policies--that--promote
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      effective-and-sustained-competition-in-all-telecommunications
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      service-markets.
      (Source: P.A. 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.)
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          (220 ILCS 5/13-203) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-203)
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          (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
          Sec. 13-203. Telecommunications service.
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          "Telecommunications
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      telecommunications service, the provision of service for the
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      origination or termination of switched telecommunications
      services, residential operator services, services for the
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      speech and hearing impaired as described in Section 13-703,
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      access to 911 service, and supported telecommunications
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      services as defined by the Commission in accordance with
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      <u>Section 13-301(e)(1)</u>. the--provision--or-offering-for-rent,
      sale-or-lease,-or-in-exchange-for-other--value--received,--of
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      the--transmittal-of-information,-by-means-of-electromagnetic,
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      facilities,---apparatus,---and---services---(including----the
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      collection, -- storage, -- forwarding, -switching, -and-delivery-of
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      such-information)-used-to-provide-such-transmission-and--also
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      includes --- access --- and --- interconnection --- arrangements -- and
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      services.
          "Telecommunications service" does not include,-however:
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4	provided	under	Section	13-703;						

- (b) telephone or telecommunications answering services, paging services, and physical pickup and delivery incidental to the provision of information transmitted through electromagnetic, including light, transmission;
- (c) community antenna television service which is operated to perform for hire the service of receiving and distributing video and audio program signals by wire, cable or other means to members of the public who subscribe to such service, to the extent that such service is utilized solely for the one-way distribution of such entertainment services with no more than incidental subscriber interaction required for the selection of such entertainment service;
- <u>(d) private line services;</u>

- 20 <u>(e) advanced telecommunications service having the</u>
  21 <u>capability of supporting 2 way broadband communications at a</u>
  22 <u>bandwidth of 200 kilobits per second or greater except to the</u>
  23 <u>extent that service is used to provide voice telephony</u>
  24 <u>service;</u>
- 25 (f) the provision of white or yellow page directories
  26 and listings in a manner that no revenues from those services
  27 are attributed to any telecommunications service for any
  28 purpose whatsoever; and
- (g) cellular radio service, public mobile services, and
   private radio services.
- The-Commission-may,-by-rulemaking,--exclude--(1)--private
  line-service-which-is-not-directly-or-indirectly-used-for-the
  origination--or--termination--of--switched-telecommunications
  service,--(2)--cellular---radio---service,---(3)---high-speed

1 point-to-point-data-transmission-at-or-above-9.6-kilobits,-or 2 (4)--the-provision-of-telecommunications-service-by-a-company 3 or-person-otherwise--subject--to--Section--13-202--(c)--to--a 4 telecommunications --- carrier, -- which -- is -- incidental -- to -- the 5 provision-of-service-subject--to--Section--13-202--(c),--from active--regulatory--oversight--to--the-extent-it-finds,-after 6 7 notice,-hearing-and-comment-that-such-exclusion-is-consistent 8 with-the-public-interest-and-the--purposes--and--policies--of 9 this--Article:-To-the-extent-that-the-Commission-has-excluded 10 cellular-radio-service-from-active-regulatory--oversight--for 11 any-provider-of-cellular-radio-service-in-this-State-pursuant 12 to--this--Section,--the--Commission--shall--exclude-all-other 13 providers-of-cellular-radio-service-in-the-State-from-active 14 regulatory---oversight---without---an--additional--rulemaking 15 proceeding-where-there-are-2-or-more-certified--providers--of 16 cellular-radio-service-in-a-geographic-area. (Source: P.A. 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.) 17

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Sec. 13-203.5 Local calling area. "Local calling area" means a geographic area encompassing one or more local communities as determined by a telecommunications carrier and as described in maps, tariffs, or rate schedules filed with the Commission. The determination of a local calling area made by an incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined in Section 251(h) of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, shall be used to determine any payments made between that incumbent carrier and another telecommunications carrier as part of any intercarrier compensation arrangement under applicable law. Internet service provider traffic is not eligible for intercarrier compensation.

31 (220 ILCS 5/13-204) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-204)

32 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)

- 1 13-204. Local exchange telecommunications service.
- 2 telecommunications exchange service" means
- telecommunications service including, but not limited to, 3
- 4 cable telephony services and fixed wireless services, between
- points within an exchange, as defined in Section 13-206, 5
- provided pursuant to one primary access line or its 6
- equivalent to a residential customer and any usage that is 7
- 8 not subject to presubscription provided over that line,
- 9 within or between exchanges but exclusive of any optional
- 10 calling features provided pursuant to that line er--the
- 11 provision--of--telecommunications-service-for-the-origination
- or-termination-of-switched-telecommunications-services. 12
- (Source: P.A. 84-1063.) 13
- (220 ILCS 5/13-300 new) 14
- Sec. 13-300. Scope of authority. Pursuant to this 15
- 16 Article, the Commission shall have jurisdiction over
- 17 telecommunications service.

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- The Commission may issue orders and promulgate rules to 18
- 19 implement the requirements of the Communications Act of 1934,
- 2.0 as amended by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, and
- 21 the orders and regulations of the Federal Communications
- Commission issued under those Acts, including, but not 22
- 23 limited to, orders and rules to implement the prices, terms,
- 24 and conditions for resold telecommunications services and
- unbundled network elements. Unless expressly provided in 25
- this Act to the contrary, the Commission shall not have
- that exceed or differ from the requirements of the 28

authority or jurisdiction to adopt or impose requirements

- Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the federal 29
- Telecommunications Act of 1996, and the orders and 30
- 31 regulations of the Federal Communications Commission issued
- 32 under those Acts. Notwithstanding anything in this Act to
- the contrary, nothing in this Amendatory Act of the 92nd 33

- 1 General Assembly shall impair the authority of the Commission
- 2 <u>to implement and enforce conditions related to mergers</u>
- 3 approved by the Commission before January 1, 2000 and
- 4 pursuant to Section 7-204 of this Act.
- 5 (220 ILCS 5/13-301) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-301)
- 6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 7 Sec. 13-301. <u>Duties of the Commission</u>. Consistent with
- 8 the findings and policy established in paragraph (a) of
- 9 Section 13-102 and paragraph-(a)-of Section 13-103, and in
- 10 order to ensure the attainment of such policies, the
- 11 Commission shall:
- 12 (a) participate in all federal programs intended to
- 13 preserve or extend universal telecommunications service,
- 14 unless such programs would place cost burdens on Illinois
- 15 customers of telecommunications services in excess of the
- 16 benefits they would receive through participation, provided,
- 17 however, the Commission shall not approve or permit the
- 18 imposition of any surcharge or other fee designed to
- 19 subsidize or provide a waiver for subscriber line charges;
- 20 and shall report on such programs together with an assessment
- 21 of their adequacy and the advisability of participating
- therein in its annual report to the General Assembly, or more
- 23 often as necessary;
- 24 (b) establish a program to monitor the level of
- 25 telecommunications subscriber connection within each exchange
- in Illinois, and shall report the results of such monitoring
- 27 and any actions it has taken or recommends be taken to
- 28 maintain and increase such levels in its annual report to the
- 29 General Assembly, or more often if necessary;
- 30 (c) order all telecommunications carriers offering or
- 31 providing local exchange telecommunications service to
- 32 propose low-cost or budget service tariffs and any other rate
- 33 design or pricing mechanisms designed to facilitate customer

1 access to such telecommunications service, and shall after

2 notice and hearing, implement any such proposals which it

3 finds likely to achieve such purpose;

4 investigate the necessity of and, if appropriate, 5 establish a universal service support fund from which local 6 exchange telecommunications carriers who pursuant to the Twenty-Seventh Interim Order of the Commission in Docket No. 7 8 83-0142 or the orders of the Commission in Docket No. 97-0621 9 and Docket No. 98-0679 received funding and whose economic costs of providing services for which universal service 10 support may be made available exceed the affordable rate 11 established by the Commission for such services may be 12 eligible to receive support, less any federal universal 13 service support received for the same or similar costs of 14 providing the supported services; provided, however, that if 15 16 a universal service support fund is established, Commission shall require that all costs of the fund be 17 recovered from all local---exchange---and---interexchange 18 19 telecommunications carriers certificated in Illinois on a competitively neutral and nondiscriminatory 20 basis. Tn 21 establishing any such universal service support fund, the 22 Commission shall, in addition to the determination of costs 23 for supported services, consider and make findings pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of item (e) of this Section. 24 25 Proxy cost, as determined by the Commission, may be used for this purpose. In determining cost recovery for any universal 26 service support fund, the Commission shall not 27 recovery of such costs from another certificated carrier for 28 29 any service purchased and used solely as an input to a 30 provided to such certificated carrier's retail service customers; and 31

(e) investigate the necessity of and, if appropriate, establish a universal service support fund in addition to any fund that may be established pursuant to item (d) of this

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1 Section; provided, however, that if a telecommunications 2 carrier receives universal service support pursuant to item (d) of this Section, that telecommunications carrier shall 3 4 not receive universal service support pursuant to this item. 5 Recipients of any universal service support funding created by this item shall be "eligible" telecommunications carriers, 6 7 as designated by the Commission in accordance with 47 U.S.C. 8 214(e)(2). Eligible telecommunications carriers providing 9 local exchange telecommunications service may be eligible to receive support for such services, less any federal universal 10 11 service support received for the same or similar costs of providing the supported services. If a fund is established, 12 the Commission shall require that the costs of such fund be 13 recovered from all telecommunications carriers, with the 14 15 exception of wireless carriers who are providers of two-way 16 cellular telecommunications service and who have not been designated as eligible telecommunications carriers, on a 17 competitively neutral and non-discriminatory basis. 18 In any 19 order creating a fund pursuant to this item, the Commission, after notice and hearing, shall: 20

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(1) Define the group of services to be declared "supported telecommunications services" that constitute "universal service". This group of services shall, at minimum, include those services as defined by the Federal Communications Commission and as from time to time amended. In addition, the Commission shall consider the range of services currently offered by telecommunications carriers offering local exchange telecommunications service, the existing rate structures for the supported telecommunications services, and the telecommunications needs of Illinois consumers in determining the supported telecommunications services. The Commission shall, from time to time or upon request, review and, if appropriate, revise the group of Illinois supported telecommunications

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services and the terms of the fund to reflect changes or enhancements in telecommunications needs, technologies, and available services.

- (2) Identify all implicit subsidies contained in rates or charges of incumbent local exchange carriers, including all subsidies in interexchange access charges, and determine how such subsidies can be made explicit by the creation of the fund.
- (3) Identify the incumbent <u>telecommunications</u> local exchange carriers' economic costs of providing the supported telecommunications services.
- (4) Establish an affordable price for the supported telecommunications services for the respective incumbent local exchange carrier. The affordable price shall be no less than the rates in effect at the time the Commission creates a fund pursuant to this item. The Commission may establish and utilize indices or models for updating the affordable price for supported telecommunications services.
- (5) Identify the telecommunications carriers from whom the costs of the fund shall be recovered and the mechanism to be used to determine and establish a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory funding basis. From time to time, or upon request, Commission shall consider whether, based upon changes in technology or other factors, additional telecommunications providers should contribute to the fund. The Commission shall establish the basis upon which telecommunications carriers contributing to the fund shall recover contributions on a competitively neutral and non-discriminatory basis. In determining cost recovery for any universal support fund, the Commission shall not permit recovery of such costs from another certificated carrier for any service purchased

and used solely as an input to a service provided to such certificated carriers' retail customers.

(6) Approve a plan for the administration and operation of the fund by a neutral third party consistent with the requirements of this item.

No fund shall be created pursuant to this item until existing implicit subsidies, including, but not limited to, those subsidies contained in interexchange access charges, have been identified and eliminated through revisions to rates or charges. Prior to May 1, 2000, such revisions to rates or charges to eliminate implicit subsidies shall occur contemporaneously with any funding established pursuant to this item. However, if the Commission does not establish a universal service support fund by May 1, 2000, the Commission shall not be prevented from entering an order or taking other actions to reduce or eliminate existing subsidies as well as considering the effect of such reduction or elimination on local exchange carriers.

Any-telecommunications-carrier-providing--local--exchange telecommunications-service-which-offers-to-its-local-exchange eustomers---a---choice---of---two---or--more--local--exchange telecommunications-service-offerings-shall--provide,---to--any such--customer--requesting--it,-once-a-year-without-charge,-a report-describing--which--local--exchange--telecommunications service--offering--would--result--in-the-lowest-bill-for-such customer's-local-exchange-service,-based-on--such--customer's calling--pattern--and--usage--for--the-previous-6-months---At least-once-a-year,-each-such-carrier-shall-provide--a--notice to--each--of--its--local--exchange-telecommunications-service customers-describing-the-availability-of-this-report-and--the specific--procedures-by-which-customers-may-receive-it---Such report--shall--only--be--available--to--current--and---future customers--who--have-received-at-least-6-months-of-continuous local-exchange-service-from-such-carrier1 (Source: P.A. 91-636, eff. 8-20-99.)

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2 (220 ILCS 5/13-301.1) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-301.1)
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- 3 Sec. 13-301.1. Universal Telephone Service Assistance
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- 5 (a) The Commission shall by rule or regulation establish
- 6 a Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program for low
- 7 income residential customers. The program shall provide for a
- 8 reduction of access line charges, a reduction of connection
- 9 charges, or any other alternative to increase accessibility
- 10 to telephone service that the Commission deems advisable
- 11 subject to the availability of funds for the program as
- 12 provided in subsection (b). The Commission shall establish
- 13 eligibility requirements for benefits under the program.
- 14 (b) The Commission shall require by rule or regulation
- that each telecommunications carrier providing-local-exchange
- 16 telecommunications-services notify its customers that if the
- 17 customer wishes to participate in the funding of the
- 18 Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program he may do so
- 19 by electing to contribute, on a monthly basis, a fixed amount
- 20 that will be included in the customer's monthly bill. The

customer may cease contributing at any time upon providing

notice to the telecommunications carrier providing local

- 23 exchange telecommunications services. The notice shall state
- 24 that any contribution made will not reduce the customer's
- 25 bill for telecommunications services. Failure to remit the
- 26 amount of increased payment will reduce the contribution
- 27 accordingly. The Commission shall specify the monthly fixed
- amount or amounts that customers wishing to contribute to the
- 29 funding of the Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program
- 30 may choose from in making their contributions. Every
- 31 telecommunications carrier providing----local----exchange
- 32 telecommunications---services shall remit the amounts
- 33 contributed in accordance with the terms of the Universal

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2 (Source: P.A. 87-750; 90-372, eff. 7-1-98.)
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- 3 (220 ILCS 5/13-302) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-302)
- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 5 Sec. 13-302. <u>Local measured service calling plans.</u>
- 6 (a) No telecommunications carrier shall implement a
- 7 local measured service calling plan which does not include
- 8 one of the following elements:
- 9 (1) the residential customer has the option of a 10 flat rate local calling service under which local calls
- are not charged for frequency or duration; or
- 12 (2) residential calls to points within an untimed
- calling zone approved by the Commission are not charged
- 14 for duration; or
- 15 (3) a low income residential Universal Service
- 16 Assistance Program, which meets criteria set forth by the
- 17 Commission, is available.
- 18 (b) In formulating the criteria for the low income
- 19 residential Universal Service Assistance Program referred to
- 20 in paragraph (3) of Subsection (a), the Commission shall
- 21 consider the desirability of various alternatives, including
- 22 a reduction of the access line charge or connection charge
- for eligible customers.
- 24 (c) (Blank) For-local-measured-service-plans-implemented
- 25 prior-to-the-effective-date-of-this-amendatory--Act--of--1987
- 26 which-do-not-contain-one-of-the-elements-specified-in
- 27 paragraph-(1)-or-(2)-of-subsection-(a)-of-this--Section,--the
- 28 Commission-shall-order-the-telecommunications-earrier-having
- 29 such-a-plan-to-include--one--of--the--elements--specified--in
- 30 paragraph--(1)--or--(2)--of-subsection-(a)-of-this-Section-by
- 31 January-1,-1989.
- 32 (Source: P.A. 85-1286.)

- 1 (220 ILCS 5/13-303 new)
- 2 <u>Sec. 13-303</u>. <u>Service for the origination or termination</u>
- 3 <u>of switched telecommunications service.</u>
- 4 (a) Except as provided by this Act, the Commission shall
- 5 <u>not review or set the rates for the origination or</u>
- 6 <u>termination of switched telecommunications service.</u>
- 7 (b) A provider of terminating or originating switched
- 8 <u>telecommunications</u> service shall set the rates for that
- 9 service. Rates for that service provided by an incumbent
- 10 <u>local exchange carrier as defined in Section 251(h) of the</u>
- 11 <u>Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the federal</u>
- 12 <u>Telecommunications Act of 1996, that equal the rates in</u>
- 13 <u>effect on July 1, 2000 are just and reasonable. In an</u>
- 14 <u>exchange</u>, rates for that service provided by a competing
- 15 <u>local exchange carrier shall not exceed the rates of the</u>
- incumbent local exchange carrier for that service.
- 17 (c) A provider of the origination or termination of
- 18 <u>switched telecommunications service shall offer the service</u>
- 19 <u>under the same rates, terms, and conditions, without</u>
- 20 <u>unreasonable discrimination</u>, to all providers.
- 21 (220 ILCS 5/13-304 new)
- Sec. 13-304. Service quality. The Commission has the
- 23 <u>authority to establish operating support system and service</u>
- 24 quality and reliability standards and penalties. The
- 25 <u>standards and penalties shall equally apply to all</u>
- 26 <u>telecommunications carriers.</u>
- 27 (220 ILCS 5/13-401) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-401)
- 28 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 29 Sec. 13-401. Certificate of Service Authority.
- 30 (a) No telecommunications carrier not possessing a
- 31 certificate of public convenience and necessity or
- 32 certificate of authority from the Commission at the time this

1 Article goes into effect shall transact any business in this

2 State until it shall have obtained a certificate of service

3 authority from the Commission pursuant to the provisions of

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Notwithstanding--Sections-13-403,-13-404,-and-13-405,-the Commission-shall-approve-a-cellular-radio-application--for--a Certificate--of--Service--Authority--without-a-hearing-upon-a showing--by--the--cellular---applicant---that---the---Federal Communications--Commission--has--issued--to-it-a-construction permit-or-an-operating-license--to--construct--or--operate--a cellular--radio--system-in-the-area-as-defined-by-the-Federal Communications-Commission,-or-portion-of-the-area,-for--which the-carrier-seeks-a-Certificate-of-Service-Authority.

No Certificate of Service Authority issued by the Commission shall be construed as granting a monopoly or exclusive privilege, immunity or franchise. The issuance of a Certificate of Service Authority to any telecommunications carrier shall not preclude the Commission from issuing additional Certificates of Service Authority to other telecommunications carriers providing the same or equivalent service or serving the same geographical area or customers as any previously certified carrier, except to the extent otherwise provided by Section Sections-13-403-and 13-405.

Any certificate of public convenience and necessity

granted by the Commission to a telecommunications carrier prior to the effective date of this Article shall remain in full force and effect, and such carriers need not apply for a Certificate of Service Authority in order to offering or providing service to the extent authorized in such certificate of public convenience and necessity. Any such carrier, however, prior to substantially altering the nature or scope of services provided under a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or adding or expanding services beyond the authority contained in such certificate, must apply for a Certificate of Service Authority for such alterations or additions pursuant to the provisions of this Article.

The Commission shall review and modify the terms of any certificate of public convenience and necessity issued to a telecommunications carrier prior to the effective date of this Article in order to ensure its conformity with the requirements and policies of this Article. Any Certificate of Service Authority may be altered or modified by the Commission, after notice and hearing, upon its own motion or upon application of the person or company affected. Unless exercised-within-a-period-of--two--years--from--the--issuance thereof,--authority--conferred--by--a--Certificate-of-Service Authority-shall-be-null-and-void:

- (b) The Commission may issue a temporary Certificate which shall remain in force not to exceed one year in cases of emergency, to assure maintenance of adequate service or to serve particular customers, without notice and hearing, pending the determination of an application for a Certificate, and may by regulation exempt from the requirements of this Section temporary acts or operations for which the issuance of a certificate is not necessary in the public interest and which will not be required therefor.
  - (c) All proceedings conducted pursuant to Sections

- 1 <u>13-401, 13-404, and 13-405 shall be completed with 90 days</u>
- 2 <u>after the initiation of the proceeding.</u>
- 3 (Source: P.A. 87-856.)
- 4 (220 ILCS 5/13-402) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-402)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 6 Sec. 13-402. <u>Waiver of rules and procedures</u>. The
- 7 Commission is authorized, in connection with the issuance or
- 8 modification of a Certificate of Interexchange Service
- 9 Authority or the modification of a certificate of public
- 10 convenience and necessity for interexchange
- 11 telecommunications service, to waive or modify the
- 12 application of its rules, general orders, procedures or
- 13 notice requirements when such action will reduce the economic
- 14 burdens of regulation and such waiver or modification is not
- 15 inconsistent with the law or the purposes and policies of
- 16 this Article.
- Any such waiver or modification that is or previously has
- 18 <u>been</u> granted to any interexchange telecommunications carrier
- 19 which has, or any group of such carriers any one of which
- 20 has, annual revenues exceeding \$10,000,000 shall be
- 21 automatically applied fully and equally to all such carriers
- 22 <u>providing telecommunications services</u> with--annual--revenues
- 23 exceeding--\$10,000,000--unless--the--Commission--specifically
- finds,--after-notice-to-all-such-carriers-and-a-hearing,-that
- 25 restricting-the-application-of-such-waiver-or-modification-to
- only-one-such-carrier-or-some-group--of-such-carriers--is
- 27 consistent--with--and-would-promote-the-purposes-and-policies
- 28 of-this-Article--and--the--protection--of--telecommunications
- 29 customers.
- 30 (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)
- 31 (220 ILCS 5/13-404) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-404)
- 32 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)

1 13-404. Resale of local exchange services. Any 2 telecommunications carrier offering or providing the resale of either local exchange or-interexchange telecommunications 3 4 service must first obtain a Certificate of Service Authority. 5 The Commission shall approve an application for a Certificate 6 for the resale of local exchange or---interexchange 7 telecommunications service upon a showing by the applicant, 8 and a finding by the Commission, after notice and hearing, that the applicant possesses sufficient technical, financial 9 and managerial resources and abilities to provide the resale 10 11 of telecommunications service.

12 (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)

(220 ILCS 5/13-406) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-406) 13 14 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001) 13-406. <u>Discontinuation</u> of <u>service</u>. 15 16 telecommunications----carrier----offering----or---providing 17 noncompetitive-telecommunications-service-pursuant-to-a-valid 18 Certificate-of-Service-Authority--or--certificate--of--public 19 convenience--and--necessity-shall-discontinue-or-abandon-such 20 service-once-initiated-until-and-unless-it-shall-demonstrate, 21 and-the-Commission-finds,-after-notice-and-hearing,-that-such 22 discontinuance-or-abandonment-will-not-deprive--customers--of 23 any--necessary--or--essential--telecommunications--service-or 24 access-thereto-and-is-not-otherwise-contrary--to--the--public 25 No telecommunications carrier offering or interest. providing competitive telecommunications service 26 shall discontinue or abandon such service once initiated except 27 28 upon 15 30 days notice to the Commission and affected 29 The--Commission-may,-upon-its-own-motion-or-upon customers. 30 complaint, -- investigate -- the --- proposed --- discontinuance --- or 31 abandonment--of--a-competitive-telecommunications-service-and 32 may,--after--notice--and--hearing,--prohibit--such---proposed 33 discontinuance-or-abandonment-if-the-Commission-finds-that-it

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2 (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)
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3 (220 ILCS 5/13-501) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-501)
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- 4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 5 Sec. 13-501. <u>Tariffs</u>. No telecommunications carrier
- 6 shall offer or provide telecommunications service unless and
- 7 until a tariff is filed with the Commission which describes
- 8 the nature of the service, applicable rates and other
- 9 charges, terms and conditions of service, and the exchange,
- 10 exchanges, or other geographical area or areas in which the
- 11 service shall be offered or provided in accordance with
- 12 <u>Section 9-201 and any other applicable provision of this Act</u>.
- 13 The-Commission-may-prescribe-the-form-of-such-tariff-and--any
- 14 additional--data--or--information--which--shall--be--included
- 15 therein.
- 16 (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)
- 17 (220 ILCS 5/13-504) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-504)
- 18 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 19 Sec. 13-504. Application of ratemaking provisions of
- 20 Article IX.
- 21 (a) Except to the extent where the context clearly
- 22 renders such provisions applicable inapplicable, the
- 23 ratemaking provisions of Article IX of this Act relating to
- 24 public utilities are <u>not</u> fully-and-equally applicable to the
- 25 rates, charges, tariffs and classifications for the offer or
- 26 provision of noncompetitive telecommunications services.
- 27 <u>Further</u> However, the ratemaking provisions do not apply to
- any proposed change in rates or charges, any proposed change
- 29 in any elassification-or tariff resulting in a change in
- 30 rates or charges, or the establishment of new services and
- 31 rates therefor for a noncompetitive local exchange
- 32 telecommunications service offered or provided by an

1 incumbent a local exchange telecommunications carrier, as 2 <u>defined</u> in <u>Section 251(h)</u> of the federal <u>Telecommunications</u> Act of 1996, with no more than 35,000 subscriber access 3 4 lines. Proposed changes in rates, charges, elassifications, 5 or tariffs meeting these criteria shall be permitted upon the filing of the proposed tariff and 30 days notice to the 6 7 Commission and all potentially affected customers. The 8 proposed changes shall not be subject to suspension. The 9 Commission shall investigate whether any proposed change is just and reasonable only if a telecommunications carrier that 10 the local 11 is а customer of incumbent exchange telecommunications carrier or 10% of the potentially affected 12 13 access line subscribers of the <u>incumbent</u> local exchange telecommunications carrier shall file a petition or complaint 14 15 requesting an investigation of the proposed changes. When 16 the telecommunications carrier or 10% of the potentially 17 affected access line subscribers of an incumbent a local exchange telecommunications carrier file a complaint, the 18 Commission shall, after notice and hearing, have the power 19 20 and duty to establish the rates, charges, elassifications, or tariffs it finds to be just and reasonable. 21 22

(b) Subsection -(e) -of -Section -13 -502 -and23 13-505.1, 13-505.4, and 13-505.6, and 13-507 of this Article 24 do not apply to rates or charges or proposed changes in rates 25 or charges for applicable <u>telecommunications</u> competitive--or interexchange services when offered or provided by an 26 27 incumbent a local exchange telecommunications carrier, as <u>defined</u> in <u>Section 251(h)</u> of the federal <u>Telecommunications</u> 28 29 Act of 1996, with no more than 35,000 subscriber access 30 In addition, Sections 13-514, 13-515, and 13-516 do 31 not apply to <u>incumbent local exchange</u> telecommunications carriers, as defined herein, with no more than 35,000 32 33 subscriber access lines. The--Commission--may--require 34 telecommunications--carriers--with--no---more---than---35,000

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- ratemaking-proceedings. 9

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- 10 (d) (Blank) Article--VI-and-Sections-7-101-and-7-102-of
- 11 Article-VII-of--this--Act--pertaining--to--public--utilities,
- 12 public-utility-rates-and-services,-and-the-regulation-thereof
- 13 are---not--applicable--to--local--exchange--telecommunication
- earriers-with-no-more-than-35,000-subscriber-access-lines. 14
- 15 (Source: P.A. 89-139, eff. 1-1-96; 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.)
- (220 ILCS 5/13-505.2) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-505.2) 16
- 17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- Sec. 13-505.2. Nondiscrimination in the provision of 18
- <u>telecommunications</u> noncompetitive services.
- 20 telecommunications carrier that--offers-both-noncompetitive

and-competitive-services shall offer <u>telecommunications</u>

- noncompetitive services under the same rates, terms, and 22
- 23 conditions without unreasonable discrimination all
- 2.4 similarly situated persons, including all telecommunications
- 25 carriers and competitors. <u>Unreasonable discrimination shall</u>
- 26 not be deemed to include differing terms and conditions that
- are in response to competition in the telecommunications 27
- 28 marketplace. A--telecommunications--carrier--that--offers--a
- 29 noncompetitive--service-together-with-any-optional-feature-or
- 30 functionality-shall-offer-the-noncompetitive-service-together
- 31 with-each-optional-feature-or-functionality--under--the--same
- rates,----terms,----and---conditions---without---unreasonable 32
- discrimination---to---all---persons,----including----all 33

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1 telecommunications-carriers-and-competitors.
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2 (Source: P.A. 87-856.)
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3
          (220 ILCS 5/13-505.3) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-505.3)
          (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
 4
                    13-505.3. Services
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                                                     resale.
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      telecommunications carrier that--offers--both--noncompetitive
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 7
      and--competitive--services shall offer all telecommunications
      noncompetitive services,--together--with---each---applicable
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 9
      optional-feature-or-functionality, subject to resale <u>pursuant</u>
10
      to the same terms and conditions that incumbent local
11
      exchange carriers are required to offer services for resale;
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      however, the Commission may determine under--Article--IX--ef
      this---Act that certain <u>telecommunications</u> noncompetitive
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14
      services,-together-with-each-applicable-optional--feature--or
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      functionality, that are offered to residence customers under
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      different rates, charges, terms, or conditions than to other
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      customers should not be subject to resale under the rates,
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20 (Source: P.A. 87-856.)

customers.

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21 (220 ILCS 5/13-505.4) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-505.4)
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charges, terms, or conditions available only to residence

22 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)

of 13-505.4. Provision Sec. <u>telecommunications</u> noncompetitive services. (a) A telecommunications carrier that offers or provides a telecommunications noncompetitive service, service element, feature, or functionality ("covered <u>service")</u> on a separate, stand-alone basis to any customer shall provide that covered service-service-element-feature or-functionality pursuant to tariff to all persons, including telecommunications carriers all and competitors, in accordance with the provisions of this Article, except that when the covered service is requested by or on behalf of a

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     carrier or competitor, the covered service must be
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     necessary, and its failure to be provided must substantially
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     impair the ability of the requestor to provide a
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     telecommunications service.
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          (b)--A-telecommunications-carrier-that-offers-or-provides
     a--noncompetitive--service--element---feature---or
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 7
      functionality--to--any--customer--as--part--of-an-offering-of
 8
      competitive-services-pursuant-to--tariff--or--contract--shall
 9
     publicly---disclose--the--offering--or--provisioning--of--the
10
     noncompetitive--service,---service---element,---feature,---or
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      functionality--by-filing-with-the-Commission-information-that
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     generally-describes-the-offering--or--provisioning--and--that
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     shows--the-rates,-terms,-and-conditions-of-the-noncompetitive
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      service--service-element,-feature,--or--functionality.----The
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      information--shall--be-filed-with-the-Commission-concurrently
16
     with-the-filing-of-the--tariff--or--not--more--than--10--days
17
      following--the--customer's--acceptance--of--the-offering-in-a
18
     contract.
      (Source: P.A. 87-856.)
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20
          (220 ILCS 5/13-505.6) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-505.6)
21
          (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
          Sec. 13-505.6. Unbundling of noncompetitive services.
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      telecommunications carrier that provides both--noncompetitive
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24
     and-competitive telecommunications services shall provide all
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     noncompetitive telecommunications services on an unbundled
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     basis to the same extent
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     Commission requires any that carrier to unbundle the same
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     services provided under its jurisdiction. In an exchange,
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     rates for elements of the unbundled services shall not exceed
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     the rates of the incumbent local exchange carrier, as defined
     in Section 251(h) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, for
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     those elements. The-Illinois-Commerce-Commission-may--require
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additional--unbundling--of--noncompetitive-telecommunications

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1 services--over--which--it--has--jurisdiction---based---on--a
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- 2 determination, -- after -- notice -- and -- hearing, -- that additional
- 3 unbundling-is-in-the-public-interest-and-is--consistent--with
- 4 the-policy-goals-and-other-provisions-of-this-Act-
- 5 (Source: P.A. 87-856.)
- 6 (220 ILCS 5/13-505.7)
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 8 Sec. 13-505.7. Interactive video learning tariffs. Th
- 9 Commission shall permit telecommunications carriers to offer
- 10 special interactive video learning tariffs for the exclusive
- 11 use of qualified educational institutions. Except for
- 12 carriers subject to Section 13-504, the rates in such tariffs
- shall not be less than the long run service incremental costs
- 14 of providing interactive video learning services. Qualified
- 15 educational institutions shall be limited to school
- 16 districts; public or private not-for-profit schools enrolling
- more than 20 pupils for kindergarten grade or over up through
- 18 grade 12; public or private degree granting, not-for-profit
- 19 colleges or universities; public libraries organized under
- 20 the Public Library District Act of 1991 or the Illinois Local
- 21 Library Act; and regional library systems organized under the
- 22 Illinois Library System Act. Interactive video learning
- 23 consists of video, data, voice, and electronic information
- 25 learning, and training. These special telecommunications

used by a qualified educational institution for instruction,

- 26 carrier interactive video learning tariffs shall be exempt
- from the provisions of Section Sections-9-241,-9-250,-13-502,
- 29 telecommunications carriers may also file such special
- 30 tariffs pursuant to this Section and in accordance with
- 31 Section 13-502.

- 32 (Source: P.A. 89-141, eff. 7-14-95; 90-279, eff. 7-31-97;
- 33 90-655, eff. 7-30-98.)

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(220 ILCS 5/13-506.1) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-506.1)
 2
         (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
 3
               13-506.1. Alternative forms of regulation
 4
     noncompetitive-services. Notwithstanding any other provision
     of this Act, a carrier may elect for its local exchange
 5
     telecommunications service rates and charges to be governed
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 7
     by an alternative form of regulation. Under this form of
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     regulation, the carrier must agree that its rates and charges
     for local exchange telecommunications services will not
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     exceed those in effect on the date of this amendatory Act of
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     the 92nd General Assembly for a period of 2 years. At the
     end of the 2-year period and at the end of each subsequent
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     annual period, prices for services subject to the plan may be
     altered by an amount that does not exceed 75% of the
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     percentage change in Gross Domestic Product Index (GDPPI)
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     from the prior one year period. The GDPPI measure shall be
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     that determined and published by the United States Department
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     of Commerce.
         To elect to be governed under an alternative form of
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     regulation, the carrier need only notify the Commission of
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     its intent and attach relevant tariff pages demonstrating
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     that the rates and charges that are subject to the cap were
     those in effect on the date of this amendatory Act of the
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24
     92nd General Assembly.
         A carrier not electing an alternative form of regulation
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     for its local exchange telecommunications service shall be
     subject to the rate-making provisions of Article IX or the
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     small carrier provision set forth in Section 13-504 of this
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29
     Act, as applicable.
          (a)--Notwithstanding--any-of-the-ratemaking-provisions-of
30
31
     this-Article-or-Article-IX-that-are-deemed-to-require-rate-of
     return-regulation,-the-Commission-may--implement--alternative
32
     forms-of-regulation-in-order-to-establish-just-and-reasonable
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34
     rates----for---noncompetitive---telecommunications---services
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 5
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          In--addition--to--the--public--policy--goals--declared-in
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 7
      Section-13-103,-the-Commission-shall-consider,-in-determining
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      whether-it-will:
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               (2)--encourage-innovation-in-services;
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               (3)--promote-efficiency;
               (4)--facilitate-the-broad-dissemination-of-technical
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14
          improvements-to-all-classes-of-ratepayers;
15
               (5)--enhance-economic-development-of-the-State;-and
16
               (6)--provide-for-fair,-just,-and-reasonable-rates.
17
          (b)--A----telecommunications----carrier----providing
18
      noncompetitive-telecommunications-services-may--petition--the
19
      Commission---to---regulate---the--rates--or--charges--of--its
20
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21
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22
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23
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24
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      implementation-only-if-it-finds,-after--notice--and--hearing,
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               (1)--is-in-the-public-interest;
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               (2)--will--produce--fair,-just,-and-reasonable-rates
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          for-telecommunications-services;
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               (3)--responds--to--changes--in--technology--and--the
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          structure-of-the-telecommunications-industry-that-are,-in
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1 fact,-occurring; (4)--constitutes--a--more---appropriate---form---of 2 3 regulation---based----on---the---Commission's---overall consideration-of-the-policy-goals-set--forth--in--Section 4 5 13-103-and-this-Section; (5)--specifically--identifies--how--ratepayers--will 6 7 benefit--from--any-efficiency-gains,-cost-savings-arising 8 out--of--the--regulatory--change,--and--improvements---in productivity-due-to-technological-change; 9 10 (6)--will--maintain--the-quality-and-availability-of 11 telecommunications-services;-and 12 (7)--will-not-unduly-or--unreasonably--prejudice--or 13 disadvantage--any--particular--customer--class,-including 14 telecommunications-carriers. 15 (c)--An-alternative-regulation-plan-approved--under--this Section-shall-provide,-as-a-condition-for-Commission-approval 16 17 of--the--plan,--that--for--the--first--3-years-the-plan-is-in effect,-basic-residence-service-rates-shall-be-no-higher-than 18 19 those-rates-in-effect-180-days-before-the-filing-of-the-plan-20 This-provision-shall--not--be--used--as--a--justification--or 21 rationale--for--an--increase--in--basic-service-rates-for-any 22 other-customer-class.--For-purposes-of-this--Section,--- basic 23 residence-service-rates"-shall-mean-monthly-recurring-charges 24 for--the--telecommunications--carrier's-lowest-priced-primary 25 residence-network-access-lines,--along--with--any--associated 26 untimed--or--flat--rate-local-usage-charges---Nothing-in-this 27 subsection-(e)-shall-preclude-the-Commission--from--approving 28 an---alternative---regulation---plan--that--results--in--rate 29 reductions-provided-all-the-requirements--of--subsection--(b) are-satisfied-by-the-plan-30 31 (d)--Any--alternative--form--of--regulation-granted-for-a multi-year-period-under-this-Section-shall-provide-for-annual 32 33 or-more-frequent-reporting-to-the-Commission-to-document-that 34 the-requirements-of-the-plan-are-being-properly-implemented.

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          (e)--Upon-petition-by-the-telecommunications--carrier--or
      any--other--person-or-upon-its-own-motion,-the-Commission-may
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      rescind-its-approval-of-an-alternative-form-of-regulation-if,
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      after-notice-and-hearing,-it-finds-that--the--conditions--set
 5
      forth--in--subsection--(b)--of--this-Section-can-no-longer-be
      satisfied .-- Any-person-may-file-a-complaint-alleging-that-the
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      rates--charged--by--a--telecommunications--carrier--under--an
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      alternative--form---of---regulation---are---unfair,---unjust,
      unreasonable,--unduly--discriminatory,--or--are-otherwise-not
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      consistent-with-the-requirements-of-this--Article;--provided,
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      that--the--complainant--shall--bear-the-burden-of-proving-the
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      allegations-in-the-complaint.
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          (f)--Nothing--in--this--Section--shall--be--construed--to
14
      authorize-the-Commission-to-render-Sections-9-241,-9-250,-and
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      13-505.2-inapplicable-to-noncompetitive-services.
16
      (Source: P.A. 87-856.)
17
          (220 ILCS 5/13-508) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-508)
          (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
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          Sec. 13-508. Joint marketing by affiliated interests.
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      No provision of this Act or any Commission order shall
21
      prohibit the joint marketing of telecommunications services
      by "affiliated interests" as that term is defined in items
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      (a) through (h) of subparagraph (ii) of subsection (2) of
      Section 7-101 of this Act. The-Commission-is-authorized,
24
25
      after-notice--and--hearing,--to--order--a--telecommunications
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      carrier---which--offers--or--provides--both--competitive--and
2.7
      noncompetitive -- telecommunications -- service -- to -- establish -- a
28
      fully-separated-subsidiary-to-provide-all--or--part--of--such
29
      competitive-service-where:
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          (a)--no--less--costly-means-is-available-and-effective-in
      fully-and-properly-identifying-and-allocating--costs--between
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      such----carrier's----competitive----and----noncompetitive
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      telecommunications-services;-and
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         (b)--the-incremental-cost-of-establishing-and-maintaining
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      such--subsidiary--would--not--require--increases--in-rates-or
     charges-to-levels-which-would-effectively-preclude-the--offer
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 4
     or--provision--of-the-affected-competitive-telecommunications
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     service.
      (Source: P.A. 84-1063.)
 б
         (220 ILCS 5/13-512)
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 8
         (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
         Sec. 13-512. Rules; review. The Commission shall have
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     general rulemaking authority to make rules necessary to
     enforce this Article. However, not later than 270 days after
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     the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1997, and every
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     2 years thereafter, the Commission shall review all rules
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     issued under this Article that apply to the operations or
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     activities of any telecommunications carriers earrier. The
     Commission shall, after notice and hearing, repeal or modify
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     any rule it determines to be no longer in the public interest
     as the result of-the-reasonable-availability of competition
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     competitive-telecommunications-services. As part of the
     review, the Commission shall ensure that all rules not
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     repealed, including but not limited to rules addressing
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     service quality, are equally applicable to all
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     telecommunications carriers and that any waiver of a rule as
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     to any carrier shall apply equally to all other carriers.
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     The Commission shall provide a report to the Legislature
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     after each 2-year review period summarizing the review
     process undertaken and certifying the equal application of
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28
     its rules to telecommunications carriers.
      (Source: P.A. 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.)
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30
         (220 ILCS 5/13-703) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-703)
         (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
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         Sec. 13-703. Devices for persons with speech or hearing
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- (a) The Commission shall design and implement a program whereby each telecommunications carrier providing--local 4 exchange-service shall provide a telecommunications device 5 capable of servicing the needs of those persons with a hearing or speech disability together with a single party 7 line, at no charge additional to the basic exchange rate, to 8 any subscriber who is certified as having a hearing or speech disability by a licensed physician, speech-language pathologist, audiologist or a qualified State agency and to 10 11 any subscriber which is an organization serving the needs of those persons with a hearing or speech disability 12 as determined and specified by the Commission pursuant to 13 subsection (d). 14
- (b) The Commission shall design and implement a program, 15 16 whereby each telecommunications carrier providing--local exchange-service shall provide a telecommunications relay 17 using third party intervention to connect those 18 system, 19 persons having a hearing or speech disability with persons of normal hearing by way of intercommunications devices and the 20 21 telephone system, making available reasonable access to all 22 phases of public telephone service to persons who have a 23 speech disability. In order to design a hearing or 24 telecommunications relay system which will meet 25 requirements of those persons with a hearing or speech 26 disability available at a reasonable cost, the Commission shall initiate an investigation and conduct public hearings 27 to determine the most cost-effective method of providing 28 29 telecommunications relay service to those persons who have a 30 hearing or speech disability when using telecommunications devices and therein solicit the advice, counsel, and physical 31 assistance of Statewide nonprofit consumer organizations that 32 serve persons with hearing or speech disabilities in such 33 34 hearings and during the development and implementation of the

- 1 system. The Commission shall phase in this program, on a
- 2 geographical basis, as soon as is practicable, but no later
- 3 than June 30, 1990.
- 4 (c) The Commission shall establish a rate recovery
- 5 mechanism, authorizing charges in an amount to be determined
- 6 by the Commission for each line of a subscriber to allow
- 7 telecommunications carriers providing-local-exchange--service
- 8 to recover costs as they are incurred under this Section.
- 9 (d) The Commission shall determine and specify those
- 10 organizations serving the needs of those persons having a
- 11 hearing or speech disability that shall receive a
- 12 telecommunications device and in which offices the equipment
- shall be installed in the case of an organization having more
- 14 than one office. For the purposes of this Section,
- 15 "organizations serving the needs of those persons with
- hearing or speech disabilities" means centers for independent
- 17 living as described in Section 12a of the Disabled Persons
- 18 Rehabilitation Act and not-for-profit organizations whose
- 19 primary purpose is serving the needs of those persons with
- 20 hearing or speech disabilities. The Commission shall direct
- 21 the telecommunications carriers subject to its jurisdiction
- 22 and this Section to comply with its determinations and
- 23 specifications in this regard.
- 24 (e) As used in this Section, the phrase
- 25 "telecommunications carrier providing-local-exchange-service"
- includes, without otherwise limiting the meaning of the term,
- 27 telecommunications carriers which are purely mutual concerns,
- 28 having no rates or charges for services, but paying the
- operating expenses by assessment upon the members of such a
- 30 company and no other person.
- 31 (Source: P.A. 88-497.)
- 32 (220 ILCS 5/13-803) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-803)
- 33 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)

- 1 Sec. 13-803. Repealer. The provisions of this Article
- 2 XIII are repealed effective July 1, 2006 2001.
- 3 (Source: P.A. 90-185, eff. 7-23-97.)
- 4 (220 ILCS 5/13-901) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 13-901)
- 5 (Section scheduled to be repealed on July 1, 2001)
- 6 Sec. 13-901. Operator Service Provider.
- 7 (a) For the purposes of this Section:

- (1) "Operator service provider" means every telecommunications carrier that provides operator services or any other person or entity that the Commission determines is providing operator services.
- (2) "Aggregator" means any person or entity that is not an operator service provider and that in the ordinary course of its operations makes telephones available to the public or to transient users of its premises including, but not limited to, a hotel, motel, hospital, or university for telephone calls between points within this State that are specified by the user using an operator service provider.
- (3) "Operator services" means any telecommunications service that includes, as a component, any automatic or live assistance to a consumer to arrange for billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call between points within this State that are specified by the user through a method other than:
  - (A) automatic completion with billing to the telephone from which the call originated;
  - (B) completion through an access code or a proprietory account number used by the consumer, with billing to an account previously established with the carrier by the consumer; or
- (C) completion in association with directory assistance services.

1	(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,
2	this Section applies to operator services providers. The
3	Commission shall, by rule or order, adopt and enforce
4	operating requirements for the provision of operator-assisted
5	services. The rules shall apply to operator service providers
6	and to aggregators. The rules shall be compatible with the
7	rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission under
8	the federal Telephone Operator Consumer Services Improvement
9	Act of 1990. These requirements shall address, but not
10	necessarily be limited to, the following:

- (1) oral and written notification of the identity of the operator service provider and the availability of information regarding operator service provider rates, collection methods, and complaint resolution methods;
- 15 (2) restrictions on billing and charges for operator services;

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- 17 (3) restrictions on "call splashing" as that term 18 is defined in 47 C.F.R. Section 64.708;
  - (4) access to other telecommunications carriers by the use of access codes including, but not limited to 800, 888, 950, and 10XXX numbers;
  - (5) the appropriate routing and handling of emergency calls;
  - (6) the enforcement of these rules through tariffs for operator services and by a requirement that operator service providers withhold payment of compensation to aggregators that have been found to be noncomplying by the Commission.
- 29 (c) The Commission shall adopt any rule necessary to 30 make rules previously adopted under this Section compatible 31 with the rules of the Federal Communications Commission no 32 later than one year after the effective date of this 33 amendatory Act of 1993.
- 34 (d) A violation of any rule adopted by the Commission

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1 under subsection (b) is a business offense subject to a fine
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- of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000. In addition,
- 3 the Commission may, after notice and hearing, order any
- 4 telecommunications carrier to terminate service to any
- 5 aggregator found to have violated any rule.
- 6 (Source: P.A. 90-38, eff. 6-27-97; 91-49, eff. 6-30-99.)

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7 (220 ILCS 5/9-222.3 rep.)
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- 8 (220 ILCS 5/13-205 rep.)
- 9 (220 ILCS 5/13-209 rep.)
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- 23 (220 ILCS 5/13-509 rep.)
- 24 (220 ILCS 5/13-601 rep.)
- 25 (220 ILCS 5/13-802 rep.)
- Section 90. The Public Utilities Act is amended by
- 27 repealing Sections 9-222.3, 13-205, 13-209, 13-210, 13-402.1,
- 28 13-403, 13-405.1, 13-407, 13-502, 13-503, 13-505, 13-505.1,
- 29 13-505.5, 13-506, 13-507, 13-508.1, 13-509, 13-601, and
- 30 13-802.
- 31 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
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