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PROPOSED RULE ADOPTING  
AN EMERGENCY TELEPHONE  
SYSTEM PLAN

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PROPOSED REVISION OF THE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
TELEPHONE UTILITIES

STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY

These rules are legislative rules as defined in West Virginia Code §29A-1-2(d) and (i). These rules relate to the authority of the Public Service Commission of West Virginia, pursuant to West Virginia Code §§24-1-1, 24-2-1, 24-2-2, 24-2-5, 24-2-7(a), 24-3-1, 24-2-8, and 24-3-5. The Public Service Commission is authorized to issue rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 24 of the West Virginia Code, including the Code sections listed above, by West Virginia Code §24-1-7.

ABSTRACT OF PROMULGATION HISTORY

The proceeding which gave rise to these finally adopted rules was initiated on December 27, 1979, by the institution of a rulemaking proceeding by the Public Service Commission, which included the filing of Commission proposed rules in the State Register as required by the then effective sections of the State Administrative Procedures Act. Interested parties were given the opportunity to submit data, objections, suggested amendments, views, evidence, and arguments at a hearing in the Commission's Hearing Room at the Capitol in the City of Charleston on February 1, 1980, at 9:30 a.m.

On December 18, 1980, the Hearing Examiner entered a Memorandum of Opinion recommending that the Commission adopt and promulgate the rule as revised and amended. Parties to the proceeding were given thirty (30) days from the date that order was entered to file with the Commission any comments on the Hearing Examiner's recommended rule. The Commission has not finally adopted that rule.

#### FISCAL NOTE

This is a fiscal note issued pursuant to West Virginia Code §§29A-3-4, 29A-3-5, and 29A-3-9 and West Virginia Code §24-1-7, relating to the proposed revision of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Telephone Utilities.

#### I. OBJECTIVES OF THE RULE

The purpose of this rule is to establish a primary emergency telephone number for use in this State and to encourage units of local government and combinations of units of local government to develop and improve emergency communication procedures and facilities in a manner that will allow a quick response to any person calling the primary emergency telephone number seeking police, fire, medical, rescue, and other emergency services.

#### II. COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE ATTACHED PROPOSED RULES

##### A. Cost of Implementation for the State

There will be no implementation cost relating to this rulemaking for the State of West Virginia.

B. Cost of Implementation for Persons Affected by the Proposed Rule

The Commission is of the opinion that there should be no significant additional expenses incurred by the parties affected by these rules, as a result of this rulemaking.

III. THE EFFECT THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE ON THE COSTS AND REVENUES OF STATE GOVERNMENT (information required by fiscal notes for either house of the Legislature)

This rulemaking will have no effect on costs and revenues of state government.

IV. ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THESE RULES ON THE STATE OR ITS RESIDENTS

There should be no significant economic impact on the State or its residents as a result of this rulemaking proceeding.