PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF NEVADA

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 703.025, 704.033, 704.040 and 704.210.

A REGULATION relating to telecommunications; providing for the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to establish lists of revenue for the purposes of certain assessments; authorizing the modification of such lists; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Public Utilities Commission of Nevada to regulate public utilities that provide telecommunication service to the public. (Chapter 704 of NRS) Existing law also requires the Commission to levy and collect an annual assessment from all public utilities, including, without limitation, telecommunication providers. (NRS 704.033) Existing law further requires the Commission to levy and collect an additional assessment to maintain the availability of telephone service to various persons and entities, including, without limitation, persons with low income and persons in rural, insular and high-cost areas. (NRS 704.040, 704.6873) This additional assessment is required to be collected from all persons furnishing intrastate telecommunication service or the functional equivalent of such service through any form of telephony technology, except as prohibited by federal law. (NRS 704.040)

This regulation revises existing regulations to require the Commission to establish lists of types of revenue to be included or excluded for the purposes of calculating these assessments. This regulation also revises existing regulations to provide for the modification of such lists.

Section 1. NAC 703.920 is hereby amended to read as follows:

703.920 1. On or before January [15 of each year,] 1, 2015, the Commission will [publish on its Internet website and provide to each telecommunication provider and to the Consumer's Advocate a preliminary version of the revenue report form required pursuant to NRS 704.035.

The form will identify each category of operating revenue that is subject to the annual

that are not subject to assessment.] establish a list of the types of revenue which must be included or excluded when calculating the annual assessment of a telecommunication provider for the purpose of levying and collecting the annual assessment as required by NRS 704.033.

- 2. [A telecommunication provider, the Commission's staff, the Consumer's Advocate or any other person may, within 30 days after the preliminary version of the revenue report form is published pursuant to subsection 1, file a petition with the Commission to seek a change in the revenue report form.] On or before January 1, 2018, the Commission will establish a list of the types of revenue which must be included or excluded when calculating the assessment of a person furnishing intrastate telecommunication service or the functional equivalent of such service through any form of telephony technology for the purpose of levying and collecting the assessment as required by subsection 5 of NRS 704.040.
- 3. The Commission may, after notice and a hearing, consider and make modifications to a list established pursuant to this section. Any person may file with the Commission a petition seeking such modifications. The Commission may initiate proceedings to make such modifications pursuant to such a petition or upon its own motion.