

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS--NRS 233B.066
Informational Statement
LCB File No. R030-18

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The regulation, attached hereto as Attachment 1, reflects changes to the Federal Communication Commission's ("FCC") regulations. Under existing regulation, the definition of significant service outage that is applicable to a public utility that provides telecommunication services incorporates a term that is defined in a regulation adopted by the FCC. (47 C.F.R. § 4.7(d)). The FCC recently revised its regulations to use, and define, a different term. (81 Fed Reg. 45055-01 (July 12, 2016), 82 Fed Reg. 28410-01 (June 22, 2019)). The proposed regulation revises the applicable definition of significant service outage to correspond with the federal regulations.

2. Description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

(a) Copies of the proposed regulation, notice of intent to act upon the regulation and notice of workshop and hearing were sent by U.S. mail and email to persons who were known to have an interest in the subjects of noticing and interventions. These documents were also made available on the website of the PUCN, <http://puc.nv.gov>, mailed to all county libraries in Nevada, the State library, and the Legislative Council Bureau, published in the following newspapers:

Ely Times
Las Vegas Review Journal
Reno Gazette Journal
Tonopah Times-Bonanza,

and posted at the following locations:

Public Utilities Commission
1150 East William Street
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Public Utilities Commission
9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250
Las Vegas, Nevada 89148

(b) The Regulatory Operations Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed comments. Central Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink and CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink ("CenturyLink"); Nevada Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Nevada, AT&T Wholesale, AT&T Corp., and Teleport Communications LLC (collectively, "AT&T"); Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company d/b/a Frontier Communications of Nevada (collectively, "Frontier"); Cox Nevada Telecom, LLC ("Cox"); and the Nevada Telecommunications Association ("NTA")¹ filed joint comments. The commenters generally supported adoption of the proposed regulation.

¹ The NTA is comprised of the following companies: Beehive Telephone Co., Inc., Nevada; CC Communications; Filer Mutual Telephone Company; Oregon-Idaho Utilities, Inc. d/b/a Humboldt Telephone Company; Lincoln

(c) Copies of the transcripts of the proceedings are available for review at the offices of the PUCN, 1150 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701 and 9075 West Diablo Drive, Suite 250, Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.

3. **The number of persons who:**
 - (a) **Attended each hearing: 8**
 - (b) **Testified at each hearing: 0**
 - (c) **Submitted written comments: 6**
4. **For each person identified in paragraphs (b) and (c) of number 3 above, the following information if provided to the agency conducting the hearing:**
 - (a) **Name;**
 - (b) **Telephone number;**
 - (c) **Business address;**
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 - (e) **Electronic mail address; and**
 - (f) **Name of entity or organization represented.**

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5. **A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.**

Comments were solicited from affected businesses in the same manner as they were solicited from the public. The summary may be obtained as instructed in the response to question 2(c).

6. **If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.**

Based on comments discussion in the workshop conducted prior to the hearing, no participant offered any amendments to the proposed regulation.

7. **The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public. These must be stated separately, and in each case must include: both adverse and beneficial effects, and both immediate and long-term effects.**

- (a) **Estimated economic effect on the businesses which they are to regulate.**

The regulation does not impose any economic effect on the business it is intended to regulate.

- (b) **Estimated economic effect on the public which they are to regulate.**

The regulation does not regulate the public.

8. **The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:**

No additional costs are associated with the regulation.

9. **A description of any regulations of other State or governmental agencies which the regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlap is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.**

The regulation does not overlap any other State, governmental agency, or federal regulations.

- 10. If the regulation includes provisions that are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.**

N/A

- 11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.**

N/A

- 12. If the proposed regulation is likely to impose a direct and significant burden upon a small business or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business, what methods did the agency use in determining the impact of the regulation on a small business?**

Staff conducted a Delphi Method exercise to determine the impact of this proposed regulation on small businesses. The Delphi Method is a systematic, interactive, forecasting method based on independent inputs of selected experts. In this instance, the participants were members of Staff. Each participant in the exercise used his background and expertise to reflect upon and analyze the impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses. Based upon Staff's analysis, Staff recommended to the Commission that the Commission find that the proposed regulation will not impose a direct and significant economic burden on small businesses or directly restrict the formation, operation or expansion of a small business. The Commission accepted Staff's recommendation and found that the proposed regulation does not impose a direct or significant economic burden upon small businesses, nor does it directly restrict the formation, operation, or expansion of a small business, and therefore a small business impact statement pursuant to NRS 233B.0608(2) is not required. This finding was memorialized in an Order issued in Docket No. 18-01018 on May 9, 2018.