

COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, IOWA[751]

Notice of Intended Action

Proposing rulemaking related to access to facilities and providing an opportunity for public comment

The Iowa Communications Network hereby proposes to rescind Chapter 14, “Access to Facilities,” Iowa Administrative Code, and to adopt a new Chapter 14 with the same title.

Legal Authority for Rulemaking

This rulemaking is proposed under the authority provided in Iowa Code chapter 8D.

State or Federal Law Implemented

This rulemaking implements, in whole or in part, Iowa Code chapter 8D and Executive Order 10.

Purpose and Summary

The proposed chapter describes the integrity, security, and reliability of the network by regulating access to network infrastructure or operated facilities, including network hubs, regeneration sites, and equipment rooms. This proposed chapter was reviewed pursuant to Executive Order 10. As a result, the Iowa Communications Network removed redundant and obsolete language and provides clearer guidance on access to facilities.

Regulatory Analysis

A Regulatory Analysis for this rulemaking was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on June 24, 2026. A public hearing was held on the following date(s):

- July 15, 2026

Fiscal Impact

This rulemaking has no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

Jobs Impact

After analysis and review of this rulemaking, no impact on jobs has been found.

Waivers

Any person who believes that the application of the discretionary provisions of this rulemaking would result in hardship or injustice to that person may petition the Iowa Communications Network for a waiver of the discretionary provisions, if any, pursuant to 751—Chapter 2504.

Public Comment

Any interested person may submit written or oral comments concerning this proposed rulemaking, which must be received by the Iowa Communications Network no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 1, 2026. Comments should be directed to:

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Public Hearing

Public hearings at which persons may present their views orally or in writing will be held as follows:

September 30, 2026 10 to 11 a.m.	ICN Director's Conference Room Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa
October 1, 2026 9 to 10 a.m.	ICN Director's Conference Room Grimes State Office Building Des Moines, Iowa

Persons who wish to make oral comments at a public hearing may be asked to state their names for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of this proposed rulemaking.

Any persons who intend to attend a public hearing and have special requirements, such as those related to hearing or mobility impairments, should contact the Iowa Communications Network and advise of specific needs.

Review by Administrative Rules Review Committee

The Administrative Rules Review Committee, a bipartisan legislative committee which oversees rulemaking by executive branch agencies, may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this rulemaking at its [regular monthly meeting](#) or at a special meeting. The Committee's meetings are open to the public, and interested persons may be heard as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.8(6).

The following rulemaking action is proposed:

ITEM 1. Rescind 751—Chapter 14 and adopt the following **new** chapter in lieu thereof:

CHAPTER 14 ACCESS TO FACILITIES

751—14.1(8D) Purpose and scope. The purpose of this chapter is to protect the integrity, security, and reliability of the network by regulating access to commission-owned or operated facilities, including network hubs, regeneration sites, and equipment rooms.

751—14.2(8D) Authorized access. Access to commission facilities is restricted to:

- 14.2(1)** Commission employees and agents acting within the scope of their employment.
- 14.2(2)** Authorized vendors and contractors who have a valid contract or service agreement with the commission.
- 14.2(3)** Colocation partners as defined in a written colocation agreement.
- 14.2(4)** Emergency response personnel.

751—14.3(8D) Security procedures.

14.3(1) Credentials. All individuals entering a commission facility must possess valid identification and commission-issued credentials (key card, key, or access code). Credentials are nontransferable and shall not be shared or loaned.

14.3(2) Background checks. The commission reserves the right to require criminal history background checks for any nonemployee requesting access to critical infrastructure.

14.3(3) Logs. All entry and exit from commission facilities shall be logged. Use of a monitored electronic access control system satisfies this requirement.

751—14.4(8D) Vendor and colocation access.

14.4(1) *Authorization.* In support of the commission, third-party vendors and colocation partners may be granted access to specific facilities for the installation, maintenance, or removal of their equipment.

14.4(2) *Liability.* Any vendor or colocation partner entering a commission facility assumes full liability for any damage caused to the network, the facility, or the equipment of other tenants by the vendor's or colocation partner's employees or agents.

14.4(3) *Revocation.* The commission may immediately revoke access privileges for any individual who violates security protocols or endangers the network.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 8D.3.