

CHAPTER 11 ASSET OWNERSHIP AND DEMARCATION

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751—11.1(8D) Asset ownership.

11.1(1) *Network backbone.* The network backbone (Part I) and the regional aggregation points (Part II) are the property of the state of Iowa and are managed and maintained by the commission.

11.1(2) *Last mile connections.* Part III connections (the “last mile” to the authorized user) may be owned by the state, leased from private telecommunications providers, or owned by the authorized user.

a. State-owned. Where the commission has constructed and owns the Part III connection, the commission is responsible for maintenance up to the demarcation point.

b. Leased. Where the commission leases the Part III connection from a third-party provider, maintenance and repair responsibilities are governed by the terms of the lease agreement between the commission and the provider.

c. User-owned. Where the authorized user owns the connection (e.g., fiber installed by a school district), the authorized user is solely responsible for maintenance and repair.

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751—11.2(8D) Demarcation point.

11.2(1) *Definition.* The demarcation point (demarc) is the physical point where the commission’s responsibility for the network ends and the authorized user’s responsibility begins.

11.2(2) *Location.* Unless otherwise specified in a service agreement:

a. Fiber connections. The demarc is the termination panel or optical network terminal (ONT) installed by the commission at the authorized user’s facility.

b. Equipment. The commission retains ownership and maintenance responsibility for the electronics (routers, switches) provided by the commission to deliver service up to the hand-off port on that device.

11.2(3) *Internal wiring.* The authorized user is responsible for all internal building wiring, cabling, cross-connects, and power beyond the demarcation point.

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751—11.3(8D) Equipment return and liability.

11.3(1) *Access.* Upon the termination of service, the authorized user shall permit the commission reasonable access to the premises to remove state-owned equipment.

11.3(2) *Liability.* The authorized user constitutes a bailee of state property located on the user’s premises. The authorized user shall be liable for the cost of repair or replacement of any state-owned equipment that is lost, stolen, or damaged due to the negligence or willful misconduct of the user or its agents.

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751—11.4(8D) Surplus property. The commission shall dispose of obsolete or excess network assets in accordance with rule 751—17.3(8D).

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