

April 21, 2005

H 1468. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS. AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO DETERMINE CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER IN CERTAIN SUBDIVISIONS AND AREAS. Amends GS 62-110(f1) to refer to a universal service provider as a carrier of last resort. Enacts new GS 62-110(f4) to provide that when a telecommunications service provider agrees to provide service for a subdivision or another area where other service providers do not have right-of-way access, that service provider will be the universal service provider in the subdivision or area. Further provides that if the local exchange company is not a party to the service agreement, it is relieved of any universal service provider obligations.

Intro. by Saunders, Brubaker.

Ref. to Public Utilities

GS 62

May 18, 2005

H 1468. TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDERS. Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Modifies proposed GS 62-110(f4) to require that upon receiving notification that a local exchange company no longer wants to be the universal service provider in an area, the NC Utilities Comm'n must take necessary steps to indicate that the company is no longer the universal service provider and, in the case of a rural local exchange company, amend the company's service area and notify the Federal Communications Comm'n of that amendment. Enacts new GS 62-110(f5) to: (1) require that the NC Utilities Comm'n redesignate a local exchange company as the universal service provider when it determines that a telecommunications service provider that entered into an agreement to serve an area is not willing or able to fulfill its obligations under that agreement; and (2) to authorize the redesignated service provider to impose a surcharge on its customers for costs incurred in extending its service, without having to file a general rate case, and, if the provider is subject to price regulation, to allow the provider to treat the costs of the service extension as exogenous to price regulations and adjust its rates to recover those costs from its customers. Makes technical changes.

August 11, 2005

H 1468. TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS. Intro. 4/21/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Amends new GS 62-110(f4) to clarify that a local exchange company must provide written notice to the appropriate State agency if it is no longer the universal service provider for an area and deletes language requiring notification to the Federal Communications Commission. Amends new GS 62-110(f5) to add language authorizing review by the NC Utilities Commission of certain rate changes by a local exchange company that is subject to price regulation. Adds language governing the ability of local exchange companies not subject to price regulation to recover costs for extending service into an area without having to file a general rate case proceeding. Adds language clarifying how the state will certify to the Federal Communications Commission the status of eligible telecommunications carriers during the transition from a telecommunications provider to a local exchange company as the universal service provider. Adds a new subsection (f6) that includes definitions for the terms "appropriate state agency," "local exchange company," and to "telecommunications service provider." Revises the effective date to provide that the new subsections GS 62-110(f4), (f5) and (f6) apply to agreements entered into before, on, or after the date that the act becomes law. Makes technical changes.

September 21, 2005

SL 2005-385 (H 1468). TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION TO DETERMINE CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE PROVIDER IN CERTAIN SUBDIVISIONS AND AREAS. Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 4/21/05, 5/18/05, and 8/11/05. Enacted September 13, 2005. Effective September 13, 2005.

