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Dear Governor Ventura, Senators, Representatives, and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes § 14.05, subd. 5, directs state agencies to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of their rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The Public Utilities Commission has reviewed its rules and found that the following rules arguably contain obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative provisions:

- 7810.0700 and 7810.4200 - .4800, regarding telephone meters. Telephone meter regulation is a vestige of rural telephone service, and no longer applies to contemporary service.
- 7810.3400, subp. 2, regarding eight-party phone service. This rule is obsolete because Minn. Stat. § 237.068 and Commission orders bar the provision of eight-party phone service.

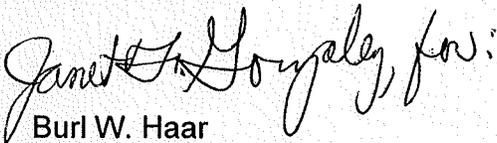


- 7810.8100(C); 7810.8625, subp. 5; 7810.8630, subp. 6; 7810.8635, subp. 2(C); 7810.8800; and 7810.8900 - .8940; implementing Minn. Stat. §§ 237.58 and 237.62. Those sections expired on August 1, 1999 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.5799, rendering aspects of these rules obsolete.
- 7810.8100(D) and 7829.2200, implementing Minn. Stat. § 237.625. That section expired on August 1, 1999 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.5799, rendering aspects of these rules obsolete.
- 7810.8200, subp. 17; 7810.8500(D); and 7810.8740 - .8755; implementing § 237.60, subd. 2. That section expired on August 1, 1999 pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 237.5799, rendering aspects of these rules obsolete.
- ✓ • Chapter 7827, implementing the federal Tax Reform Act of 1986. This rule is now unnecessary because adjustments for the Tax Reform Act are now fully implemented.
- 7853.0010, subp. 13; 7853.0030; 7853.0210 - .0230; 7853.0300; 7853.0320 - .0400; 7853.0440, subp. 3; and 7853.0700 - .0790; regarding large oil facilities and oil refineries. The legislature removed these entities from Commission jurisdiction when it changed the definition of "large energy facility" at Minn. Stat. § 216B.2421, subd. 2.

In 2001 the Commission will consider having the rules updated legislatively, or initiating a rulemaking to update these rules.

Please let me know if I can provide further assistance.

Very truly yours,



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Executive Secretary