

**7817.0200 PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION.**

The purpose of this chapter is to develop and implement a statewide telephone assistance plan to provide telephone assistance credits to reduce the local telephone rates of eligible residential households, to be jointly administered by the commission, the Department of Commerce, and the local service providers. The purpose of this chapter is also to permit the implementation of federal matching plans so that the state's local exchange service telephone customers are afforded the opportunity to acquire the benefits of these federal matching plans.

This chapter is to be liberally construed to further these purposes.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 237.10; 237.69 to 237.711*

**History:** *12 SR 1256; 13 SR 2283; 34 SR 818*

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