



REPORT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS RESEARCH AND SERVICE

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Recent NRRI Products and Services

Publications

What to Think About When You Think About Telecommunications Deregulation
(NRRI 05-04) by Ed Rosenberg and Joe McGarvey

This briefing paper was written in response to deregulation proposals at the state level. It reviews major state obligations and programs in telecommunications to help inform policy makers as they decide what functions they want to keep, whether temporarily or into the foreseeable future, and what functions they want to give up. This paper also gives a snapshot of state-level deregulatory proposals as of spring 2005.

We have also updated the status of state deregulatory legislation as of July 2005. The updated tables are available at:

<http://www.nrri.ohio-state.edu/programs/markets/teldregstates.html>

Presentations, Technical Assistance, and Training

New Commissioner Tutorials for commissioners from Iowa, Washington, and Wisconsin

Topics in Regulation for the Illinois Commerce Commission Staff

TCOM Surveys Available in the Members' Center of the NRRI website

Responses to a NARUC TCOM list survey on price-cap categories and treatment of directory assistance (conducted in June 2005)

Responses to NARUC's ETC Task Force survey on state commission compliance with the FCC's additional requirements for ETCs. (July 2005)

Planned Projects

Teleconference on Deregulation

We are planning a teleconference to discuss issues raised by deregulation initiatives in the states. Details to follow.

Regulatory Primers

A universal service primer that reviews current issues regarding universal service support

An intercarrier compensation primer that provides non-specialists the background information necessary to understand the history of the debate and the issues involved, and to evaluate proposed solutions.

Surveys

We will be updating our survey of the current status of state universal service funds.

NRRI Regulatory Resource Center

The NRRI is creating an electronic library for public utility commissions and the larger regulatory community. We are populating various sections (energy, telecommunications, and consumer affairs, for example) with articles, papers and presentations for you to use. Although the library is in the early stages with respect to content, the frame is in place, and we are ready to demonstrate it to the NARUC community. Once we receive permission to place your state's documents in the archives, we will have a national repository for public utility regulation. For more information, see Janie Marr Werum at these meetings or contact her at: janiemarr@nrri.osu.edu.

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