

SHORT TITLE: Stating legislative intent regarding extension of local area telephone service and wide area calling plans.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 65

By: Haney of the Senate

and

Voskuhl of the House

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A Concurrent Resolution stating legislative intent regarding Extended Area Service and Wide Area Calling Plans, holding of hearings related thereto, and review and content of Corporation Commission rules; stating deadlines; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, changes in the telephone industry are of tremendous importance to the economic well being of all communities; and

WHEREAS, the extent to which calls can be made from communities to surrounding areas where residents have business relationships and receive vital government, medical, educational, and other services can have substantial impact on the viability of the communities; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of Extended Area Service (EAS) and Wide Area Calling Plans (WACP) has been somewhat uneven in this state; and

WHEREAS, many communities have been disappointed in the determinations made by the Corporation Commission in regard to Extended Area Service petitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT it is the intent of the Legislature that the Corporation Commission hold hearings in all regions of the state during the remaining months of 1998 for:

1. Explaining the Commission's EAS and WACP rules and the rationales by which they were established;
2. Receiving suggestions from the citizenry concerning criteria that should be considered when the Commission acts upon an EAS petition; and
3. Receiving suggestions from the citizenry regarding expansion of existing WACP's or establishment of additional WACP's.

THAT it is the intent of the Legislature that the Corporation Commission review and reconsider its EAS and WACP rules prior to March 1, 1999.

THAT it is the intent of the Legislature that failure by the Corporation Commission to complete its consideration of an EAS request and issue an order within one (1) year of receipt of the petition should mean, under the Commission's rules, that the service petitioned for is approved.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of the Corporation Commission.

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