

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 8

ASSIGNING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESPONSIBILITIES AND EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, a permanent condition of preparedness must be achieved by the State to deal with emergency situations of all kinds, including nuclear war; and

WHEREAS, the governments of the United States and of the State of Wisconsin have contracted together to develop coordinated plans to this end; and

WHEREAS, the actions necessary to deal with these emergency situations are of direct concern to the agencies of the State government; and

WHEREAS, the maintenance of the effectiveness of a condition of preparedness can best be accomplished through support by selected agencies of the State government;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WARREN P. KNOWLES, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wisconsin and in accord with the provisions of Chapter 22, Wisconsin Statutes, as enacted by the legislature in Chapter 628, laws of 1959, do hereby order and direct the assignment of certain emergency functions and responsibilities, over and above those previously assigned, to the Chairman of the State Public Service Commission.

SECTION I. SCOPE

The Chairman of the State Public Service Commission is hereby delegated the authority and responsibility for coordinating and directing all state government functions relating to telecommunications activities within the state during periods of national emergency provided for in the statutes cited above and shall:

- A. Develop plans and procedures for the efficient and effective guidance and coordination of all telecommunications activities and insure the proper allocation of all telecommunications resources in the state to meet the needs of civil defense, the armed forces and the supporting civil economy.
- B. Develop and maintain a state of readiness in telecommunications activities within the state with respect to all degrees of national emergency including attack upon the United States.
- C. Be prepared to implement all plans developed under this order.

- D. ~~Develop and maintain plans and an operational organization for and~~ render all required administrative and logistical support to the State Telecommunications Agency, provided for in Section 4, RM-2, State Plan for Emergency Management of Resources.

SECTION II. PREPAREDNESS RESPONSIBILITY

The Chairman of the State Public Service Commission shall develop long range programs designed to integrate the requirements for all telecommunications activities in the state in a national emergency. In doing so he shall:

- A. Review available federal guidance materials to assure understanding of and compatibility with national aims and especially with provisions of the National Plan for Emergency Preparedness.
- B. Establish liaison and working agreements with appropriate federal agencies.
- C. Assemble, analyze and evaluate data on telecommunications requirements to meet emergency needs of civil defense, military operations and of the supporting civil economy.
- D. Develop plans and procedures for the collection and analysis of requirements for telecommunications in emergency periods.
- E. With due regard for plans developed by federal agencies assigned telecommunications responsibilities, be prepared to provide the administrative and logistical support required to perform the functions herein assigned and delegated.

SECTION III. EMERGENCY FUNCTIONS

In the event of national emergency provided for by the Wisconsin statutes cited herein, the Chairman of the State Public Service Commission, making full use of the State Telecommunications Agency, shall:

- A. Advise and assist the Governor in directing and coordinating telecommunications functions in the state in accord with the state plan for emergency management of resources.
- B. Develop policy and guidance for the telecommunications industry in its emergency operations with due regard to national aims in this field.
- C. Establish priorities for and make allocation of services and materials to support the essential telecommunications functions under jurisdiction of the state.
- D. Render all required administrative and logistical support to the State Telecommunications Agency.

SECTION IV. FUNCTIONAL GUIDANCE

The Chairman of the State Public Service Commission, in carrying out the functions outlined in this order shall be guided by the state of Wisconsin emergency plans. He shall:

- A. Ascertain requirements for all supporting resources required for carrying out the assigned responsibilities and take such actions as may be required and are within the laws of the state, to insure their availability in national emergencies.
- B. Develop such organization as may be required to perform the assigned functions, subject to the laws of the state.
- C. Provide for continuity of operations through developing lines of succession to key positions, through safeguarding of essential records, maintenance of alternate headquarters and through effective use of government resources, personnel and facilities.

SECTION V. REDELEGATION

Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Chairman of the State Public Service Commission is hereby authorized to redelegate the functions herein assigned to him except that of providing administrative and logistical support to the State Telecommunications Agency. This redelegation may be made to an individual within his own department or to an individual from outside the state government, who is expert in the functions assigned. In any case, the Chairman of the State Public Service Commission will remain responsible for supervision of the functions performed and for the results.

SECTION VI. MEMBERSHIP ON THE RESOURCE PRIORITIES BOARD

Notwithstanding the assignments made herein, the Director of the State Telecommunications Agency shall represent the telecommunications functions on the Resource Priorities Board provided for in Section 5, RM-2, State Plan for Emergency Management of Resources.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this eighteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-six.

By the Governor

Secretary of State