

STATE OF LOUISIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
BATON ROUGE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. EWE 93 - 38



WHEREAS: the Federal Interstate Highway Program was enacted by Congress to provide a 21st century infrastructure for the transportation of its citizens and commodities; and

WHEREAS: the Governor believes that the need for a telecommunications superhighway should be studied in order to provide a state-of-the-art infrastructure for the transportation of telecommunications including information services, distance learning, telemedicine, telecommuting and many others which may not have been identified; and

WHEREAS: telecommunications offers solutions in the fields of education, transportation, health care, governmental information services, law enforcement and other areas. Each of these needs should be considered in order to design an infrastructure which can satisfy them; and

WHEREAS: the objective is to develop a plan which provides the flexibility to deploy the necessary technology at a price consumers can afford, state regulators can approve and the private sector can deliver. The ideal solution will attract industry and benefit consumers with state-of-the-art services which are universally available at affordable costs.

NOW THEREFORE I, EDWIN W. EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby establish a special Louisiana Telecommunication Task Force to develop a comprehensive telecommunication plan for the State by July 1, 1994 and to make recommendations to the legislature thereon, and do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana Telecommunication Task Force shall be composed of the following membership, along with a member to be appointed by the Louisiana State Senate and a member appointed by the Louisiana House of Representatives. The co-chairmen are the Chairman of the Louisiana Public Service Commission and the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Rural Development.

1. Mr. Larry Henning, President, Louisiana Telephone Association
2. Mr. Elton King, President, South Central Bell
3. Ms. Kathleen Blanco, Chairman, Louisiana Public Service Commission
4. Mr. Paul Gravel, Managing Director, Louisiana Public Facilities Authority
5. Dr. Fritz McCameron, Dean, Division of Continuing Education, Louisiana State University

6. Mr. Bud Lanier, Director, Office of Telecommunications Management
7. Dr. Robert Cline, Director of the Center for Telecommunications Studies, University of Southwestern Louisiana
8. Dr. Raymond Arveson, Superintendent, Louisiana Department of Education
9. Dr. William Cherry, Chief Executive Officer, Louisiana Health Care Authority
10. Mr. Bill Peacock, AT&T
11. Disability Representative
12. Mr. Mike Naumann, State Manager, TCI of Louisiana
13. Robert S. Daniels, Dean, Louisiana State University School of Medicine
14. Mr. Tom Jacques, State Librarian
15. Ms. Beth Courtney, Louisiana Public Broadcasting
16. Mr. Allen Doescher, Assistant Commissioner for Technical Services and Communications, Division of Administration
17. Mr. Jim Clinton, President, Louisiana Partnership for Technology and Innovation
18. Mr. Paul Keller, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Rural Development
19. Mr. Mike Niggli, Senior Vice President of Marketing, Entergy Corporation
20. Mr. Dan Borne, President, Louisiana Chemical Industry Council
21. Mr. Kevin Reilly, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Economic Development
22. Albert I. Donovan, Jr. Executive Counsel to the Governor
23. Carolyn Sanders, UNO.
24. Sally Clausen, Governor's Education Advisor.
25. Dr. Gordon Mueller, Director of Extension Research and Technology Park, University of New Orleans.
26. Mike Tifft, Director of The city Council Utilities Regulatory Office, City of New Orleans and Deputy City Attorney.

SECTION 2: The joint committee is authorized to accept any money from any source, public or private, to be expended in implementing its duties under this resolution.

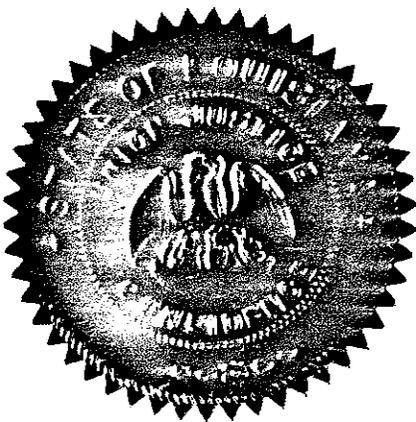
SECTION 3: The joint committee shall not hire any state employee, but shall utilize the clerical and legal staff already employed by the state

SECTION 4: To develop a comprehensive telecommunications plan for the state, the Task Force should identify all of the diverse needs of the state and its citizens, analyze existing facilities and systems, and design an ultimate infrastructure. In order to identify needs, a broad array of telecommunications users and providers should be surveyed. Regulators, educators, transportation officials, health care providers, prison commissions, local exchange telephone companies, interchange carriers, computer companies, broadcasters, cable companies, electric power associations and many others shall be invited to participate in the identification of long and short term needs.

SECTION 5: existing facilities and systems includes cooper cables, coaxial cables, fiber optic cables, microwave radio systems, AM and FM radio transmission facilities, satellite systems, cellular and mobile systems. While all these facilities are available to meet specific needs, there needs to be an integrated approach to provide efficient, cost-effective use of the total telecommunications infrastructure.

SECTION 6: The Task Force shall recommend the financial resources to be used to implement the plan over the appropriate timetable. The task force shall review laws relating to the telecommunications industry and shall make recommendations to remove any barriers which would prevent or delay implementation of the plan.

SECTION 7: The provisions of this Executive Order are effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until amended, modified, or rescinded by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 10th day of November, 1993.

Edwin Edwards
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Joseph P. Kitley
SECRETARY OF STATE