

Missouri PSC Staff Comments
Proposed Rescission of Chapter 34 rules

Chapter 34 rules identify requirements applicable to telecommunications companies in establishing and maintaining E-911 service. The rules have remained unchanged since becoming effective on September 30, 1999. This rulemaking proposes to rescind these rules.

Conceptually the rules may be unnecessary since the rules only apply to a portion of companies involved in E-911 service provisioning.¹ Moreover, most E-911 calls originate from service providers not subject to the Missouri Commission's authority and these rules.² Consequently rescinding these rules may be a reasonable course of action consistent with the directives contained in Executive Order 17-03 to remove outdated and unnecessary rules.

¹ As previously pointed out the rules solely apply to telecommunications companies. The rules do not apply to IVoIP providers and/or wireless carriers who may also be involved in the E-911 service provisioning process.

² The Federal Communications Commission states, "It is estimated that about 70 percent of 911 calls are placed from wireless phones, and that percentage is growing...." See: [911 Wireless Services | Federal Communications Commission](#)