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ARTICLE 6

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS

56.29 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 237.025, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

56.30 Subd. 6. **Market regulation and consumer protection.** (a) A local exchange carrier
56.31 that has received approval from the commission to be regulated under this section in one
57.1 or more of its exchange service areas shall be subject to regulation in those approved
57.2 exchange service areas as a telecommunications carrier under section 237.035, and as a
57.3 competitive local exchange carrier under Minnesota Rules, parts 7811.2210 and 7812.2210,
57.4 as applicable. A local exchange carrier that has obtained approval for at least 90 percent of
57.5 the local exchange carrier's access lines may elect to have all of the local exchange carrier's
57.6 lines regulated under this section. Nothing in this section shall be construed to provide or
57.7 imply that a local exchange carrier regulated under this section is exempted from Minnesota
57.8 Statutes and Minnesota Rules applying to competitive local exchange carriers, including,
57.9 but not limited to:

57.10 (1) sections 237.50 to 237.56;

57.11 (2) sections 237.66, 237.661, 237.663, and 237.665;

57.12 (3) sections 237.69 to 237.71; and

57.13 (4) Minnesota Rules, chapter 7810.

57.14 (b) Regulation under this section is effective 30 days after a petition is deemed approved
57.15 under subdivision 3 or approved by the commission under subdivision 4.

57.16 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 237.025, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

57.17 Subd. 9. **Obligation to serve.** ~~Nothing in this section affects the obligation of a local~~
57.18 ~~exchange carrier that petitions the commission to be regulated under this section to provide~~
57.19 ~~service to customers, when requested, in accordance with this chapter, commission rules,~~
57.20 ~~and its duly authorized tariffs.~~ A local exchange carrier that elects to be regulated under this
57.21 section is required to offer service throughout the local exchange carrier's service territory
57.22 to the extent required by federal law.