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### Section

- 1** [237.411, subd. 3] **Reduced rate regulation.** Specifies that a telephone company or telecommunications carrier regulated under a reduced rate regulation plan is not required to file specific price information with the commission, but is required to demonstrate, if requested by the Department of Commerce, attorney general, or the commission, that its pricing is not anticompetitive.
- 2** [237.74, subd. 9] **Discontinuance.** Specifies that a telephone company may sever physical connections with a company that only provides long distance service without prior commission approval if multiple companies are available to provide local exchange service.
- 3** [237.681] **Private shared services.**

**Subd. 1. Definition.** Defines “private shared services” as telephone, video, and broadband services provided to individual residents in a property with many such residents.

**Subd. 2. Requirements.** Requires a property owner to establish a single location where a telephone company provides equipment that can be connected to services offered by a commercial shared services provider that is mutually agreeable to all three parties. Prohibits a property owner from unreasonably restricting access by a telephone company to that location and from discriminating against a resident because of the resident’s choice of telephone company.

**Subd. 3. Access to alternative provider.** Allows a tenant in a property where private shared services are offered to connect to telephone service from any company, and requires a property owner to make facilities available to allow for that connection at a reasonable rate.

**Subd. 4. Enforcement.** Allows the commission to order a property owner to

make facilities available so that a tenant can connect to a telephone company.

**Subd. 5. Exemption.** States that a commercial shared services provider providing services only to tenants or for the provider's own use is exempt from statutory provisions governing local exchange competition.

**Subd. 6. Service by local telephone company.** Requires a telephone company to provide services to a customer in a property with shared private services within a reasonable amount of time when requested.

**Subd. 7. Obligation of property owner.** Specifies that this section does not require a commercial shared services provider to share its wires, cables, or other facilities unless it is also the property owner.