

EXECUTIVE ORDER 84-06

Freeze on Telephone Systems Acquisition

The telecommunications industry is undergoing fundamental change, resulting in dramatic changes to many traditional rate structures, that is, tariffs. Many of the new tariffs have the potential of increasing costs for telecommunications goods and services. This could have an adverse financial impact on many state agencies, understandably tempting the agencies to migrate quickly to more cost-effective services. While more cost-effective service is a desirable goal, uncoordinated migration decisions by the various agencies of state government will not achieve the most cost-effective solution to our statewide telecommunications problems.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Spellman, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby order the following:

A. That a freeze be imposed on all state agencies relating to the acquisition of new telephone systems. The acquisition of such systems must have the prior approval of the Department of General Administration unless the acquisition is associated with a capital improvements project or new construction

B. The Telecommunications Division of the Department of General Administration will be responsible for approving all moves and changes and installations of all telephones for cabinet agencies, and will issue implementing procedures governing such activities.

C. That the Department of General Administration and the Data Processing Authority develop statewide voice and data communications plans that address these and related issues, and that the Department of General Administration and the Date Processing Authority recommend to me those cost effective solutions to this problem that insure system compatibility between state agencies. This plan must be completed by December 1, 1984.

D. That each state agency cooperate with the Department of General Administration and the Data Processing Authority in their effort to develop the statewide telecommunications plan.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 6th day of April A.D., Nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

John Spellman
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Deputy Secretary of State
