

AN ACT

relating to the participation of deregulated telecommunications companies in the lifeline program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 65.102(b), Utilities Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, the commission has only the authority provided by this section over a deregulated company that holds a certificate of operating authority issued under this subchapter. Subject to Subsection (c), the following provisions apply to a deregulated company and may be enforced by the commission using the remedies provided by Subchapter B, Chapter 15, and Subsection (d):

(1) Subchapter A, Chapter 15;

(2) Subchapters A, C, and D, Chapter 17, as applicable to carriers holding a certificate of operating authority;

(3) Sections 52.007, 52.060, and 52.156;

(4) Sections 54.001, 54.002, 54.003, 54.004, 54.005, 54.006, 54.008(a), 54.101, 54.102, 54.103, 54.105, 54.151, 54.156, 54.158, 54.159, 54.255, 54.256, 54.257, 54.259, 54.260, and 54.261;

(5) Sections 55.010, [~~55.015~~] 55.123, 55.133, 55.134, 55.136, and 55.137;

(6) Chapter 56, except Subchapters F and G;

(7) Chapter 60;

- 1 (8) Chapter 62;
- 2 (9) Subchapter E, Chapter 64;
- 3 (10) Sections 65.001, 65.002, 65.003, and 65.004, this
- 4 subchapter, and Subchapter E of this chapter; and
- 5 (11) Chapter 66.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1003 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1003 passed the House on May 4, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor