

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 5/21/91

Referred: Labor & Commerce, State Affairs

A RESOLUTION

**1 Relating to certain regulatory action by the Alaska Public Utilities Commission regarding
2 telephone carriers.**

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

**4 WHEREAS the House of Representatives believes it is in the public interest for all consumers
5 to have an opportunity to select the carrier of their choice for both interstate and intrastate telephone
6 service; and**

**7 WHEREAS the opportunities for competition are further enhanced if customer requests to change
8 carriers are retained and made reasonably available to interstate long distance carriers; and**

**9 WHEREAS the House recognizes that some local exchange companies do not as yet have the
10 computer software capacity to allow consumers to select differing carriers for interstate and intrastate
11 long distance service; and**

**12 WHEREAS the dominant intrastate long distance carrier has the capability for consumers of
13 these local exchange companies to enjoy the full benefits of competition intended by the House; and**

**14 WHEREAS the Alaska Public Utilities Commission has the legal authority to direct the dominant
15 intrastate long distance carrier to provide this service; and**

16 WHEREAS the Alaska Public Utilities Commission has the further legal authority to monitor

1 the actions of the dominant carrier to preserve the confidentiality of proprietary traffic-flow information;
2 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska Public Utilities
3 Commission to consider adopting emergency regulations that direct the dominant intrastate long distance
4 carrier to provide the capability for consumers to select the carrier of their choice for both interstate and
5 intrastate telephone service through its tandem switches until the local exchange carriers can make the
6 choice available to their customers; and be it

7 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska Public Utilities
8 Commission to adopt regulations that require that a local exchange carrier retain a customer's request
9 to change carriers for a period of not less than two years and that authorize a long distance carrier to
10 audit or have audited the record of requests retained by the local exchange carrier; and be it

11 **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests the Alaska Public Utilities
12 Commission to exercise its regulatory authority to preserve the confidentiality of the proprietary traffic-
13 flow information.