State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re:

Office of Emergency Services

Regulatory Action:

Title 19, California Code of Regulations

Amend sections: 2480.2, 2480.3

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2022-0621-02

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

This action amends regulations requiring telecommunication service providers to provide notifications of community isolation outages. Specifically, it reduces the threshold reporting requirement from 50 percent to 25 percent of a carrier's coverage area in a single zip code and it requires providers to post public outage maps on their internet website.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 10/1/2022.

Date: August 3, 2022

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA-OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW For use by Secretary of State only NOTICE PUBLICATION/REGULATION per agency at 3 NOTICE FILE NUMBER TOQUEST REGULATORY ACTION NUMBER OAL FILE **EMERGENCY NUMBER** ENDORSED - FILED 2022-0322-02 NUMBERS in the office of the Secretary of State For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only of the State of California AUG 03 2022 2:48 PM OFFICE OF ADMIN. LAW 2022 JIIN 21 PK4:53 NOTICE REGULATIONS per agency 125 AGENCY WITH RULEMAKING AUTHORITY AGENCY FILE NUMBER (If any) Governor's Office of Emergency Services request 8/3/22 A. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE (Complete for publication in Notice Register) TITLE(S) FIRST SECTION AFFECTED 2. REQUESTED PUBLICATION DATE Amendment Community Isolation Outage Regs 19 § 2480.2 ASAP 3. NOTICE TYPE 4. AGENCY CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER (Optional) Notice re Proposed Beth Abdallah (916) 952-9449 Other Regulatory Action ACTION ON PROPOSED NOTICE NOTICE REGISTER NUMBER OAL USE PUBLICATION DATE Approved as Approved as Disapproved/ ONLY B. SUBMISSION OF REGULATIONS (Complete when submitting regulations) 1b. ALL PREVIOUS RELATED OAL REGULATORY ACTION HUMBERS) 425 1a. SUBJECT OF REGULATION(S) Telecommunication Outages request 8/3/22 2. SPECIFY CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS TITLE(S) AND SECTION(S) (Including title 26, if toxics related) SECTION(S) AFFECTED (List all section number(s) AMEND individually. Attach § 2480.2 and § 2480.3 additional sheet if needed.) TITLE(S) REPEAL 19 TYPE OF FILING Regular Rulemaking (Gov. Certificate of Compliance: The agency officer named **Emergency Readopt** Changes Without Code §11346) below certifies that this agency complied with the (Gov. Code, §11346,1(h)) Regulatory Effect (Cal. Resubmittal of disapproved provisions of Gov. Code §§11346.2-11347.3 either Code Regs., title 1, §100) before the emergency regulation was adopted or or withdrawn nonemergency within the time period required by statute. filing (Gov. Code §§11349.3, File & Print Print Only 11349,4) Resubmittal of disapproved or withdrawn Emergency (Gov. Code, Other (Specify) §11346.1(b)) emergency filing (Gov. Code, §11346.1) 4. ALL BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES OF AVAILABILITY OF MODIFIED REGULATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL ADDED TO THE RULEMAKING FILE (Cal. Code Regs. title 1, \$44 and Gov. Code §11347.1) 5. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES (Gov. Code, §§ 11343.4, 11346.1(d); Cal. Code Regs., title 1, §100) Effective January 1, April 1, July 1, or Effective on filing with §100 Changes Without October 1 (Gov. Code §11343.4(a)) Effective other Secretary of State Regulatory Effect (Specify) CHECK IF THESE REGULATIONS REQUIRE NOTICE TO, OR REVIEW, CONSULTATION, APPROVAL OR CONCURRENCE BY, ANOTHER AGENCY OR ENTITY Department of Finance (Form STD, 399) (SAM §6660) Fair Political Practices Commission State Fire Marshal X Other (Specify) California Public Utilities Commission TELEPHONE NUMBER 7. CONTACT PERSON FAX NUMBER (Optional) E-MAIL ADDRESS (Optional) Beth Abdallah beth.abdallah@caloes.ca.gov (916) 952-9449 8. I certify that the attached copy of the regulation(s) is a true and correct copy For use by Office of Administrative Law (OAL) only of the regulation(s) identified on this form, that the information specified on this form ENDORSED APPROV is true and correct, and that I am the head of the agency taking this action, or a designee of the head of the agency, and am authorized to make this certification. AUG 03 2022 Office of Administrative Law

California Governor's Office of Emergency Services Community Isolation Outage Regulations Title 19

Final Regulation Text

§ 2480.2. Community Isolation Outage Reporting Thresholds.

- (a) A community isolation outage that limits a telecommunications service provider's end users' ability to make 911 calls or receive emergency notifications shall be deemed to exist, and must be reported to the office, when any of the following conditions exist:
- (1) For telecommunications service provided by facilities-based carriers, other than mobile telephony service as defined in Public Utilities Code section 224.4 or VoIP service as defined in PUC code 239, herein referred to as wireline, an outage that lasts at least 30 minutes and potentially affects (A) at least 100 end users in a single ZIP Code, or (B) at least 50% of end users in a ZIP Code with fewer than 100 end users;
- (2) For telecommunications service provided by Voice over Internet Protocol or Internet Protocol enabled service, as those terms are defined in Public Utilities Code section 239, an outage that lasts at least 30 minutes and potentially affects (A) at least 100 end users in a single ZIP Code, or (B) at least 50% of end users in a ZIP Code with fewer than 100 end users;
- (3) For telecommunications service provided by mobile telephony service, as that term is defined in Public Utilities Code section 224.4, an outage that lasts at least 30 minutes and affects at least—50 25 percent of a carrier's coverage area in a single ZIP Code;
- (4) For any telecommunications service, whenever the office determines that a community isolation outage meeting any of the criteria specified in paragraphs (1) (3) exists within an identifiable ZIP Code or ZIP Codes and provides notice of its determination and identification of the ZIP Code or ZIP Codes to a telecommunications service provider. For purposes of this paragraph, every telecommunications service provider subject to these regulations shall provide the office at least one designated point of contact or similar means to receive and respond to such notices.
- (b) Nothing in subdivision (a) precludes or limits the ability of a telecommunications service provider to notify the office of a community isolation outage whenever a provider reasonably suspects or believes such an outage exists.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 8585 and 53122, Government Code. Reference: Section 53122, Government Code.

§ 2480.3. Notification Requirements.

- (a) Telecommunications service providers shall provide the notices required by Government Code section 53122, subdivision (c) via electronic submission to the office. Electronic notices shall be made in a format prescribed by the office and submitted to CA911outages@caloes.ca.gov. The office may implement an alternative online submission method, including through an application program interface, and upon such implementation, providers may use the alternative submission method in lieu of the office's form. Telecommunication carrier's compliance is required with the prescribed electronic submission format within 90 days of notification from the office.
- (b) For purposes of the requirement in Government Code section 53122 that notification to the office include "a description of the estimated area affected by the outage and the approximate communities, including cities, counties, and regions, affected by the outage," telecommunications service providers shall list each affected ZIP Code, with an associated, readily-identifiable descriptive term that will enable validation of the ZIP Code, such as the name of a city, county, community name, or similar descriptive term, which shall be deemed sufficient for purposes of the initial notification to the office.
- (1) For wireline and VoIP outages, the notice shall also include the estimated number of potentially impacted end users.
- (2) For mobile telephony outages, the notice shall also include the estimated percentage of coverage degradation in the affected ZIP Codes.
- (c) For the purposes of the requirement in Government Code section 53122 that notification to the office include "the estimated time to repair the outage" and "when achieved, the restoration of service," telecommunications service providers shall submit updated notifications at least once every 6 hours from the most recent notification until the service has been restored, and a final notification once the service has been restored.
- (d) Nothing in subdivision (c) precludes or limits the ability of a telecommunications service provider to provide an update to the office whenever a provider reasonably suspects or believes an update is required.
- (e) Each provider of telecommunications service that provides access to 911 service shall maintain on its internet website a public outage map showing that provider's outages. The public outage map for each provider shall be available

upon each notification to the office and shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) Map indicating the geographic area impacted by the outage.
- (2) Zip code(s) of the impacted area.
- (3) Type of outage: Wireline, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) or Mobile Telephony.

This map shall be posted by the provider of telecommunications service within 60 minutes of the discovery of a new outage and updated at least once every 6 hours from the most recent notification until the service has been restored.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 8585 and 53122, Government Code. Reference: Section 53122, Government Code.