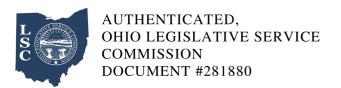


Ohio Revised Code Section 4927.02 State policy.

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- (A) It is the policy of this state to:
- (1) Ensure the availability of adequate basic local exchange service or voice service to citizens throughout the state;
- (2) Provide incentives for competing providers of telecommunications service to provide advanced, high-quality telecommunications service to citizens throughout the state;
- (3) Rely primarily on market forces, where they exist, to maintain reasonable service levels for telecommunications services at reasonable rates;
- (4) Encourage innovation in the telecommunications industry and the deployment of advanced telecommunications services;
- (5) Create a regulatory climate that provides incentives to create and maintain high technology jobs for Ohioans;
- (6) Promote diversity and options in the supply of telecommunications services and equipment throughout the state;
- (7) Recognize the continuing emergence of a competitive telecommunications environment through flexible regulatory treatment of telecommunications services where appropriate;
- (8) Consider the regulatory treatment of competing and functionally equivalent services and, to the extent practicable, provide for equivalent regulation of all telephone companies and services;
- (9) Not unduly favor or advantage any provider and not unduly disadvantage providers of competing and functionally equivalent services; and



- (10) Protect the affordability of telephone service for low-income subscribers through the continuation of federal lifeline assistance programs.
- (B) The public utilities commission shall consider the policy set forth in this section in carrying out this chapter.