

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS  
89 JEFFERSON BOULEVARD  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND 02888**

IN RE: Repeal of Rules and Regulations for :  
Telephone Operator Service Providers : Docket No. D-17-28  
in Rhode Island :

**ORDER**

Whereas: Pursuant to Executive Order 15-07, the Division undertook a review of the applicability and functionality of each of its rules.

Whereas: Under R.I.G.L. §42-35-5 state agencies are required to place all rules in a prescribed code format, or initiate a repeal.

Whereas: In light of these directives, and after reviewing Rules and Regulations for Telephone Operator Service Providers in Rhode Island, the Division found the regulation no longer applicable to any existing businesses. The businesses that had been subject to these provisions, Alternate Operator Service Provider (AOS), have ceased to exist in Rhode Island. The Division found that it had been more than 15 years since there had been a company registered as an AOS. As a sign that this industry has become a thing of the past, telecommunications providers are now deleting references to AOS providers in their amended tariffs filed with the Division.

Whereas: If for some unexpected reason an AOS provider wanted to operate, they could simply register with us in a "catch all" category in the Division's Telecommunications Providers Regulations and Fee Schedules (815-RICR-10-01-1).

Whereas: In accordance with the requirements of R.I.G.L. §42-35-3, the Division duly notified the public of its intention to repeal these rules and offered interested persons an opportunity to offer comment on the Division's proposed repeal in the instant docket. The Notice of Proposed Repeal was posted on the Rhode Island Secretary of State's website on January 31, 2018 and the comment period remained open until March 5, 2018. No public comments were received.

Whereas: Predicated on the factors outlined above, the Division finds the repeal identified herein reasonable and in conformance with relevant statutory law.

Now, therefore, it is

(23092) ORDERED:

1. That the Division's "Rules and Regulations for Telephone Operator Service Providers in Rhode Island," which had originally been promulgated for effect on April 8, 1991, is hereby repealed.

2. The Division's Rules Coordinator shall file and effectuate the instant repeal through the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office as soon as practicable.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON APRIL 9, 2018.

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John Spirito, Jr., Esq.  
Hearing Officer

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Administrator

