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## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

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**2009 Wisconsin Act 238**  
[2009 Assembly Bill 566]

**Remedial Legislation**  
**[Public Service Commission]**

This legislation was suggested as remedial legislation by the Public Service Commission (PSC) and introduced by the Joint Legislative Council's Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., Stats.

2009 Wisconsin Act 238 makes the following changes to telecommunications related statutes administered by the PSC:

- Requires the PSC to review telecommunications depreciation guidelines every three years, rather than every two years, as required under prior law.
- Repeals an outdated provision that specifies deadlines for hearings for a telecommunications utility that elects to become a price-regulated telecommunications utility.
- Requires the PSC to submit a biennial report on investments in advanced telecommunications infrastructure to the Legislature, rather than the Joint Committee on Information Policy and Technology (JCIPT); deletes the report's inclusion of the deployment of integrated services digital networks; and requires the report to cover a topic only if there are issues with the availability or deployment of telecommunications infrastructure regarding the topic.
- Deletes an outdated statutory requirement that set the basic single-party residential flat rate for telecommunications service for the specified time period in 1997.
- Deletes outdated references to the time period within which the PSC must promulgate administrative rules relating to essential services and advanced service capabilities; and inserts an up-to-date reference to this time period.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.

- Directs the PSC to review and revise administrative rules relating to the Universal Service Fund (USF) as appropriate, rather than at least biennially.
- Requires the PSC to submit a biennial report on the USF, rather than an annual report, to the Legislature, rather than the JCIPT.
- Deletes a requirement that the PSC conduct a study to determine if emergency telephone services should be supported by the USF. The PSC previously submitted this study by the due date specified in the statutes, January 1, 1997.

For additional information, see the Legislative Reference Bureau analysis and the Law Revision Committee notes included in the original bill.

***Effective date:*** 2009 Wisconsin Act 238 takes effect on May 20, 2010.

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