

## ILLINOIS CENTURY NETWORK

### RESOLUTION ON CHANGES TO ICN CONSTITUENTS AND SERVICES

**Submitted for:** Action

**Summary:** This item presents Policy Committee members with three resolutions for changes to ICN services and customers as a result of migrating to state-owned fiber.

**Action Requested:** That the Policy Committee adopts the following resolutions.

**Recommended Motion:** *The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of expanding ICN services to provide backbone transport to public and private-entities that provide services to Illinois citizens subject to completion of the migration of the backbone network to state-owned fiber optics.*

*The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of ICN including additional fiber optic cable within its backbone migration project for the purpose of making such strands available to public and private entities that provide services to Illinois citizens in order to foster expansion of broadband.*

*The ICN Policy Committee adopts a motion in support of classifying for-profit health care organization as permissive customers eligible to connect directly to the backbone network and purchase ICN bandwidth services.*

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#### **Background**

The Illinois Century Network enabling legislation 20 ILCS 3921 states:

In Section 5.

1. “That computing and communications technologies are essential for sustaining economic competitiveness and fostering the educational vitality of this State.
2. That there is an established need for a telecommunications infrastructure that will provide high-speed, reliable, and cost-effective digital connections throughout the State.
3. That a network is required that will deliver educational programs, advanced training, and access to the growing global wealth of information services to citizens in all parts of this State.”

In Section 10.

“The Illinois Century Network shall be a high speed telecommunications network that provides reliable communication links to and among Illinois schools, institutions of higher education, libraries, museums, research institutions, State agencies, units of local government, and other local entities that provide services to Illinois citizens...”

While the ICN has expanded broadband throughout Illinois there remains many unserved and underserved communities. The ICN backbone migration to state—owned fiber optics presents a unique opportunity for the State of Illinois to make these assets available to Illinois citizens, by providing more access to an increasing variety of providers of such services to citizens. Full utilization of these fiber optic assets should continue to foster additional investments in broadband expansion.

#### **Proposed Resolutions**

Staff recommend the Policy Committee adopt the following resolutions:

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