

## 2012 Kansas Statutes

**66-1,197. TeleKansas I regulation extended.** (a) The Kansas corporation commission, for a period extending through March 1, 1997, shall continue to regulate all telecommunications public utilities with more than 500,000 access lines in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in TeleKansas I. The continuation shall include: (1) Capital expenditures, above normal construction investment, of not less than \$64,000,000 by such telecommunications public utilities in a manner and amount to be determined by agreement between such telecommunications public utilities and the corporation commission and (2) the continuation of current levels of employment in this state through March 1, 1997 based on employment in this state as of April 1, 1994. The commission may require such additional investments and commitments so that the overall terms and conditions are no less favorable than those which have been publicly offered by such utility in states contiguous to Kansas during the six months prior to the effective date of this act. Such additional capital expenditures shall include but not be limited to the completion of a fiber optic network for public high schools in areas served by Southwestern Bell in Kansas. The corporation commission shall monitor each approved project and the expenditures therefore. The commission shall not conduct any earnings audit for the purpose of requiring rate reductions prior to January 1, 1996.

(b) Nothing in this section shall prevent the corporation commission from further relaxing regulation of telecommunications services, from authorizing competition in existing services or entry of new competitive services, or from complying with preemptive federal orders prior to March 1, 1997. With the exception of subsection (a), this section does not otherwise alter the commission's statutory authority.

(c) For purposes of this section, "TeleKansas I" means the scheme of regulation set forth in the corporation commission's February 2, 1990 order in the case styled *In the Matter of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's Proposal for Network Modernization, Rate Stability and Pricing Regulation, a/k/a "TeleKansas"*, docket number 166,856-U.

**History:** L. 1994, ch. 234, § 2; July 1.