

This unit is responsible for studying and coordinating State-wide telecommunications, including radio and telephone services, and for adapting modern techniques to eliminate duplicate and overlapping telecommunication systems.

Staff: 1975, 3; 1976, 4; 1977, 4.

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