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TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland is an extensive user of telephone equipment and service; and

WHEREAS, The existing telecommunications environment is undergoing unprecedented change resulting from the divestiture and deregulation of the Bell System and the rapid development of new telecommunications technology; and

WHEREAS, By Executive Order 01.01.1982.03, an Inter-Departmental Committee for Telecommunications Master Planning (CTMP) was created; and

WHEREAS, The CTMP has made recommendations concerning actions to be taken by the State to provide a satisfactory transition into and through the new telecommunications environment, including the development of a comprehensive State Government Telecommunications Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, The CTMP recommends that responsibility be established within the Executive Branch for resolving telephone communication issues arising before the implementation of a comprehensive Telecommunications Master Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY HUGHES, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE ORDER:

The Department of General Services is assigned responsibility to provide guidelines and direction in the procurement, use and maintenance of telephones and telephone systems until implementation of a comprehensive Telecommunications Master Plan for State government. The Department's responsibilities shall include:

a. Development of telephone systems procurement procedures for all Departments, Boards, Commissions or other Executive Branch agencies consistent with Article 21 of the Code and regulations adopted thereunder;

b. Periodic estimation of State budgetary impacts resulting from structural and technological changes in the telephone communications field;

c. Identification of possible cost reduction measures in telephone communications management; and