

**CHAPTER 18**

**REGULATIONS OF CABLE TELEVISION**

**Authority**

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R.2000 d.155, effective March 17, 2000.  
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**Executive Order No. 66(1978) Expiration Date**

Chapter 18, Regulations of Cable Television, expires on June 30, 2003.

**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 18, Regulations of Cable Television, was adopted as R.1973 d.117, effective April 27, 1973. See: 5 N.J.R. 54(d), 5 N.J.R. 200(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapter 11, Application by CATV Companies For Municipal Consent, was readopted as R.1983 d.346, effective August 3, 1983, and Subchapter 12, Application For Certificate of Approval, was adopted as new rules and Subchapter 12, Miscellaneous Provisions, was recodified as Subchapter 13, Miscellaneous Provisions, by R.1983 d.346, effective September 6, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 874(a), 15 N.J.R. 1483(a).

Subchapter 13, Renewals, was adopted as new rules and Subchapter 13, Miscellaneous Provisions, was recodified as Subchapter 14, Miscellaneous Provisions, by R.1987 d.70, effective January 20, 1987. See: 18 N.J.R. 1181(a), 19 N.J.R. 238(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 18, Regulations of Cable Television, was readopted as R.1990 d.415, effective July 26, 1990, and Subchapter 3, Service, Subchapter 4, Testing of Service, and Subchapter 7, Bills and Payments for Service, were repealed and Subchapter 3, Customer Rights, Subchapter 4, Cable Operator Rights, Subchapter 7, Reports and Filings, and Subchapter 9, Testing of Service, were adopted as new rules by R.1990 d.415, effective August 20, 1990.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 18, Regulations of Cable Television, was readopted as R.1995 d.313, effective May 25, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 873(a), 27 N.J.R. 2430(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 18, Regulations of Cable Television, was readopted as R.2000 d.155, effective March 17, 2000. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**14:18-1.1 Scope of regulations**

(a) These regulations are promulgated in accordance with the authority provided the Office of Cable Television, Board of Public Utilities, under N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq. to regulate cable television corporations in the public interest.

(b) The purpose and intent of these regulations is to enforce the statutory mandate of the Legislature, which directs the Office of Cable Television, Board of Public Utilities, to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effect the purposes of the act.

(c) These regulations apply to:

1. Cable television companies which own, control, operate or manage a cable television system;
2. Municipalities, cities and counties where applicable.

(d) These regulations do not limit the duties now imposed upon these companies but merely serve to define such duties and to establish standards for their performance.

Amended by R.1990 d.415, effective August 20, 1990.  
See: 22 N.J.R. 1330(b), 22 N.J.R. 2575(b).

Added (d).

Amended by R.2000 d.155, effective April 17, 2000.  
See: 31 N.J.R. 3061(a), 32 N.J.R. 1402(a).

**Law Review and Journal Commentaries**

Multiple Channels of Cable Service Refranchising. Robert G. Goode, 148 N.J.Law. 16 (Mag.) (Sept./Oct. 1992).

**Case Notes**

Municipal ownership and operation of a cable television system is authorized by the Cable Television Act. Atty.Gen.F.O.1978, No. 5.

**14:18-1.2 Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

“Ascertainment” means the formal pre-proposal fact finding process performed by the municipality in lieu of one performed by the Board.

“Board” means the Board of Public Utilities, as defined by N.J.S.A. 48:1-1 et seq.