
LCRA BOARD POLICY

220 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Sept. 21, 2016

220.10 PURPOSE

To fulfill its statutory mission, LCRA requires reliable and secure telecommunications systems to cost-effectively support the delivery of electric services, flood control and communications for its day-to-day operations. Telecommunications technology also is an essential element of economic development. This policy outlines the strategy for providing telecommunications services to LCRA and the customers and communities it serves.

220.20 POLICY

LCRA will satisfy its telecommunications requirements in the most cost-effective manner and may upgrade or construct new telecommunication systems as technology and business demands change. LCRA will provide excess capacity in its telecommunication systems to its customers, communities, utilities, and electric transmission and distribution service providers, governmental entities and nonprofit organizations.

LCRA may, through agreements with third parties, facilitate the availability of telecommunication services within the region. LCRA may make available, on an individual contract basis at market rates, excess telecommunication system capacity to private entities, if it will not interfere with LCRA's internal requirements and no legal constraints exist. LCRA will not offer telecommunication services as a common carrier.

220.30 STRATEGIC FOCUS

To ensure that LCRA implements its telecommunications policy effectively, LCRA will maintain a strategic plan for telecommunications infrastructure required to support LCRA's and LCRA's affiliated corporations' transmission, generation, water and other activities. The plan will include requirements to ensure LCRA's telecommunication systems use appropriate technologies and methods to achieve, in a cost-effective manner, the appropriate levels of reliability and security.

220.40 AUTHORITY

Texas Special District Local Laws Code, Section 8503.004
Texas Water Code, Section 152.301

EFFECTIVE: April 20, 1995. Amended Aug. 6, 1998; Sept. 22, 1999; April 18, 2012; and Sept. 21, 2016.