

(a) ~~(d)~~ On or before December 1, 2018, the Commissioner of Public Service shall ~~submit~~ report to the Senate Committees on Finance and on Institutions and the House Committees on Energy and Technology and on Institutions regarding E-911 compliant microcell service in Vermont. The report shall include findings and recommendations related to:

(1) the financial viability of operating and maintaining a microcell network in Vermont using existing 2G technology as well as 4G technology;

(2) whether changes to State regulatory policy are needed to facilitate the availability of wireless E-911 service in Vermont;

(3) whether the State should subsidize E-911 geolocation service charges incurred by microcell service providers on a permanent basis;

(4) the costs of completing a statewide propagation coverage analysis and whether such an analysis is needed to inform State policy, planning, and investment with respect to wireless service in Vermont;

(5) the estimated costs of providing microcell service in Vermont, including rates and charges related to electric, backhaul, and geolocation services, pole rental fees, backup-power requirements, colocation requirements, and any other costs deemed relevant by the Commissioner; and

(6) any other matters deemed relevant by the Commissioner;

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(6) the status of the Northeast Kingdom Fiber Network
fiber access point construction;

Sec. E.233.2 ~~SHORT TERM EMERGENCY FUNDING TO MAINTAIN~~
~~CRITICAL WIRELESS E-911 SERVICE; STUDY~~

~~(a) To meet critical public health and safety needs of Vermonters,
beginning in fiscal year 2018 and continuing until December 1, 2018, the
Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to \$50,000.00 from
the Connectivity Fund established under 30 V.S.A. § 7516 to support E-911
geolocation service charges incurred by CoverageCo for the purpose of
maintaining E-911 compliant wireless service in the CoverageCo service area.
If the Commissioner determines that CoverageCo is in default of its contractual
obligations with the State of Vermont, the Commissioner may award the funds
specified in this subsection to another provider for the same purpose. Funds
awarded pursuant to this subsection shall be on a reimbursement basis, only.~~

~~(b) Beginning on January 1, 2019 and continuing until July 1, 2019, the
Commissioner of Public Service is authorized to spend up to an additional
\$50,000.00 from the Connectivity Fund as specified in subsection (a) of this
section, provided the Commissioner obtains the prior approval of the Joint
Fiscal Committee.~~

~~(c) On or before September 1, 2018, in a form and manner specified by the
Commissioner of Public Service, CoverageCo, or any successor in interest to
CoverageCo, shall submit to the Department of Public Service a business plan
that provides for full reimbursement of creditor expenses.~~