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## LCRA BOARD POLICY

### 220 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS

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#### **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 and other public service goals. This policy establishes the framework 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.

If it will not interfere with LCRA's internal telecommunications needs, LCRA may provide capacity in its telecommunication systems to its customers, communities, utilities, electric transmission and distribution service providers, governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, internet service providers, and other third parties.

It is the policy of LCRA to use its resources to help satisfy a need for enhanced broadband connectivity within the state of Texas. LCRA may provide fiber capacity and facilities for the purpose of facilitating broadband service connectivity but may not provide broadband service directly to retail customers. Fiber capacity and facilities will only be offered on a reasonable and nondiscriminatory basis.

LCRA may make available, on an individual contract and cost-shared basis, excess telecommunication system capacity, other than broadband, to the extent no legal constraints exist.

LCRA may contract with LCRA Transmission Services Corporation and other third parties for use of LCRA TSC or other third-party facilities to enable LCRA to fulfill its telecommunications goals.

LCRA will not offer telecommunication or broadband 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 as well as the infrastructure required to implement its third-party broadband and radio programs. 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, Sections 8503.004 and 8503.032  
Texas Water Code, Section 152.301

**EFFECTIVE:** April 20, 1995. Amended Aug. 6, 1998; Sept. 22, 1999; April 18, 2012; Sept. 21, 2016; and May 19, 2021.