

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03301

Executive Order Number 92-3

establish a state Task Force on Telecommunications

WHEREAS, advanced telecommunications and computer systems are changing the way information is gathered, managed and transferred throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, technological advances are significantly reshaping the U.S. economy and **organizations** while communication and computer capabilities are in a constant state of change; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire has a unique opportunity to strongly position itself by developing a state-of-the-art Telecommunications network, and

WHEREAS, it is vital that we provide our business community with the telecommunications infrastructure needed to compete nationally and internationally in the information age; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a public, state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in New Hampshire would help **make** our schools more competitive, share information and enhance learning, and help our businesses and workers become more competitive overseas; and

WHEREAS, access to a state and national information network, or an "electronic freeway" would link schools, businesses, healthcare providers, consumers, state and local government and others to the "electronic freeway"; and

WHEREAS, these electronic freeways will increase the attractiveness of New Hampshire for new and expanding businesses and improve the quality of life for New Hampshire's citizens by providing affordable access to the world's rapidly expanding digital and telecommunication networks; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of New Hampshire's economic future to develop one of the best telecommunication infrastructures available that would serve all consumers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUDD GREGG, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Part II, Article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby establish a State Task Force on Telecommunications consisting of the following representation.

- * representatives from computer and technology related fields;
- * representatives from education;
- * representatives from health care;
- * a representative from the Public Utilities
- * a representative from Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire;
- * a residential consumer;
- * a representative from the Department of Resources and Economic Development;
- * a local economic **development** official;
- * The Speaker of the **House** (or his designee);
- * The Senate President (or his designee).

The purpose of the Task Force will be:

- To evaluate the capabilities of our current telecommunications infrastructure in New Hampshire in creating the products and services necessary for individuals, families, businesses, industries and government to survive and flourish in an age driven by information.
- To determine how New Hampshire's telecommunications network compares **nationally** to other states, and with Europe and Asia.
- To determine the future telecommunications requirements to ensure that the growing communications needs of industry, education, health care, and residential consumers, continue to be met.
- To recommend short range and long range objectives for utilizing and/or enhancing the state's telecommunications infrastructure which will increase efficiency of information transfer and provide greater economic opportunities for New Hampshire businesses. These recommendations to be made to the Governor by March 30, 1992.

This Order shall take effect on the date hereof.



Given under my hand and seal
at the Executive Chambers in
Concord, this tenth day of
February, in the year of our
Lord, one thousand nine
hundred and ninety-two.

John G. Gass
GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE