

## **City-provided Telecommunications Services - Technical Update**

Under Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa, a city or municipal utility providing telecommunications services has the responsibility to comply with various financial and operating provisions as well as the responsibility for annual certification of compliance with these provisions. Chapter 11.6(1) of the Code requires the audit of a city that owns or operates a municipal utility providing telecommunications services to include an audit of the city's compliance with Chapter 388.10. In any year in which the city or utility is not audited, the city or utility must contract with the Auditor of State or a certified public accountant to "attest to the certification."

Based on an audit of the city or utility, a statutory comment on compliance with Chapter 388.10 should be included in the audit report. If the utility is audited as part of the city, the required comment would be included in the city report. If the utility is audited separately, the required comment would be included in the utility report. Examples of reporting are included in the Sample Cash City Audit Report Supplement date June 30, 2005 provided by this Office. These audit reports must be filed with the Auditor of State and the appropriate filing fee paid as provided in Chapter 11 of the Code of Iowa.

In a year when the city or utility is not audited, the attestation report should indicate compliance with the provisions of Chapter 388.10. These attestation reports are public records, by law, and are to be filed with this Office. These reports are not subject to the payment of a filing fee.