FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington 25, D.C.

In the Matter of Policy and) Procedure for Handling Appli-) cations under Section 214 of) the Communications Act of 1934) August 28, 1945

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STATEMENT OF POLICY

Pursuant to the action of the War Production Board in removing its controls over construction of wire telephone and telegraph lines, the Commission has terminated the policies and procedures set forth in its Memorandum Opinion of December 1, 1942, with respect to applications involving such construction.

Henceforth, the Commission will consider applications for authority to construct telephone or telegraph lines upon the basis of a showing that the present or future public convenience and necessity require, or will require such construction, as stated in Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, and without specifically requiring the applicant to show in each instance that the proposed facilities will serve an essential military need, or a vital public need which cannot otherwise be met.

BY THE COMMISSION,

T. J. Slowie Secretary