

STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 54

WHEREAS, New Jersey State Government is committed to a policy of seeking improved methods of administration and promoting efficiency and economy in its operations; and

WHEREAS, The telecommunications activities of the various departments and agencies are large, complex, and vital to the effective functioning of State Government; and

WHEREAS, At my direction a study by the telephone industry of New Jersey has been made of the telecommunications needs and activities of the State and of the telecommunications technology that may be applied to these needs and activities more promptly, more efficiently, and more economically than heretofore has been possible; and

WHEREAS, As a result of that study a report entitled "Telecommunications Study" has been submitted to me; and

WHEREAS, The said report contains certain recommendations which should be objectively reviewed for implementation where feasible; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State to effect maximum, practical consolidation and joint use of the telecommunications facilities and services owned or used by the State; and

WHEREAS, Up to the date of this Executive Order, responsibility for the management of the various aspects of the telecommunications function is spread among the several State departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State to establish an efficient, economical, reliable, and coordinated Telecommunications System for the State; Now, THEREFORE,

I, RICHARD J. HUGHES, Governor of the State of New Jersey, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and the Statutes of this State, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that:

1. The State Treasurer acting under authority of this Executive Order and under the statutory powers conferred on him shall establish within the Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury, an Office of Telecommunications Management; shall assign to that office such employees of the Department of Treasury as may be appropriate and shall from time to time assign or ap-

point to that Office such other employees as may be required all subject to the provisions of Title 11 of the Revised Statutes.

2. The Office of Telecommunications Management shall be headed by a Telecommunications Administrator who will have the authority and responsibility for consolidating, coordinating, and promoting the joint use of telecommunications facilities owned or used by the State and for managing an efficient, economical, reliable, and coordinated State Telecommunications System, and to take such action as may be necessary and desirable to ensure the provision of efficient, effective, and economical telecommunications services to the State, subject to such appropriations as may be made available for these purposes. Where existing statutes vest responsibility for the establishment and/or maintenance and operation of telecommunications systems in certain agencies concerned with the public safety and security of the State, it is directed that the coordinators of these various facilities shall cooperate in the implementation of the objectives of this order where not inconsistent with their responsibilities.

3. The Administrator, Office of Telecommunications Management, shall be directly responsible to the Director, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury.

4. The State Telecommunications System shall mean the telecommunications facilities owned, leased or used by State departments and agencies and telecommunications shall mean any transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, and sounds or intelligences of any nature by wire, radio, optical, or other electromagnetic system.

5. All State Department Heads and State Agency Administrators shall cooperate fully with the Department of the Treasury, the Office of Telecommunications Management, and with each other to insure the greatest possible effective use and efficient management of the State Telecommunications System.

Given, under my hand and seal this 21st day of May,  
[SEAL] in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and ninety-third.

/s/ RICHARD J. HUGHES,  
*Governor.*

Attest:

/s/ ALAN J. KARCHER,  
*Acting Secretary to the Governor.*