

**7810.3900 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS.**

Each telephone utility shall make reasonable provisions to meet emergencies resulting from failures of lighting or power service, sudden and prolonged increases in traffic, illness of operators, or from fire, storm, or acts of God, and each telephone utility shall inform employees as to procedures to be followed in the event of emergency in order to prevent or mitigate interruption or impairment of telecommunications service. It is essential that all companies shall make reasonable provisions for emergency power. In offices without installed emergency power facilities, there shall be a mobile power unit available which can be delivered on short notice, and which can be readily connected. Each central office shall contain as a minimum four hours of battery reserve. In exchanges exceeding 5,000 lines, a permanent auxiliary power unit shall be installed.

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