

**199—39.8(476) Relinquishment of ETC designation.**

**39.8(1)** The board may permit an eligible telecommunications carrier to relinquish its designation as such a carrier in any area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier. An eligible telecommunications carrier that seeks to relinquish its eligible telecommunications carrier designation for an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier shall give 90 days' advance notice to the board of such relinquishment.

**39.8(2)** Prior to permitting a telecommunications carrier designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier to cease providing universal service in an area served by more than one eligible telecommunications carrier, the board shall require the remaining eligible telecommunications carrier or carriers to ensure that all customers served by the relinquishing carrier will continue to be served and shall require sufficient notice to permit the purchase or construction of adequate facilities by any remaining eligible telecommunications carrier. The board shall establish a time, not to exceed one year after the board approves such relinquishment under this rule, within which such purchase or construction shall be completed.

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