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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48

DECEMBER 9, 1975

TELEPHONE REDUCTIONS

Whereas, The City of New York is currently in a fiscal crisis which mandates curtailment of programs in areas where financial economies may be realized; and

Whereas, The total annual telephone expenditure made by The City of New York is deemed an area in which considerable economies can be realized; and

Whereas, The Public Service Commission has recently authorized a further increase in the charges allowable for telephone service; and

Whereas, There has been a significant reduction in the number of employees on the City payroll; and

Whereas, The Municipal Services Administration has demonstrated financial econo-

mies by developing policies and programs designed to effect substantial telephone savings in its administration; and

Whereas, There exists a need to realize telephone savings in all City agencies.

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. All agencies are to immediately reduce their telephone equipment expenditures, as reflected in the financial plan for fiscal year 1975-1976 as approved by the Emergency Financial Control Board (Code 402), by not less than ten (10) per cent. Each agency shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Executive Order, furnish a detailed report to the Office of Management and Budget showing the methods used to accomplish these savings. Such methods shall not include relocations or other alterations that incur charges.

§ 2. The Municipal Service Administrator is hereby charged with the duty and responsibility of immediately developing plans, procedures, priorities and policies for achieving the proper, efficient and most economical use of the telephone systems in all agencies of The City of New York whose telephone expenditures are chargeable to the Municipal Services Administration budget and shall promulgate rules, regulations and orders for the implementation thereof. The Administrator is further vested with the authority and charged with the duty of enforcing and implementing any such rules, regulations and orders.

§ 3. All affected departments and agencies are directed to fully cooperate, assist and immediately implement all policies and orders of the Municipal Services Administrator or his designated representatives, pursuant to this Executive Order.

§ 4. The Municipal Services Administrator shall render periodic reports to the Mayor indicating the policies, implementation, effectiveness and savings achieved as a result of this program.

§ 5. All non-mayoral governmental agencies are urged to implement comparable cost reductions and are invited to participate in any plans, procedures, priorities and policies developed as a result of this Executive Order.

§ 6. The New York Telephone Company has agreed to cooperate in the implementation of equipment expenditure reductions and shall coordinate their efforts with the Municipal Services Administrator and the Office of Management and Budget. Upon completion of the equipment reduction program, the New York Telephone Company has consented to continue examining the communication network and shall make further recommendations regarding increasing efficiency and economies.

§ 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.

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