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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking
Proceeding to Consider Rules to
Implement the Broadband Equity,
Access, and Deployment Program.

Rulemaking 23-02-016

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING
NOTICING NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
CURING INSTRUCTIONS AND OTHER ITEMS**

This ruling provides notice of the curing instructions from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) regarding the California Public Utilities Commission’s (Commission) Initial Proposal Volume 1 for the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program.¹ Additionally, this ruling notices a letter from the Director of the Commission’s Communications Division to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Finally, this ruling notifies parties that the record for BEAD Initial Proposal Volume 1 stands submitted as of 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on April 4, 2024.

1. National Telecommunications and Information Administration Curing Instructions

Attachments A-C to this ruling contain curing instructions provided by the NTIA, as well as Commission responses to those instructions. Parties are given the opportunity to offer comment, including an objection to the Commission taking notice of this development, until 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) April 4, 2024.

¹ The Commission submitted both volumes of its Initial Proposal on December 27, 2023.

2. Letter to the Federal Communications Commission

Attachment D to this ruling is a letter from the Director of the Commission's Communications Division to the FCC. The letter documents the Commission's challenge to the FCC's National Broadband Map. Parties are given the opportunity to offer comment, including objecting to the Commission taking notice of this letter, until 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) April 4, 2024.

3. Matter Submitted

Based on the finality of the curing instructions from the NTIA, the record for BEAD Program Initial Proposal Volume 1 stands submitted as of 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on April 4, 2024. A proposed decision may be issued anytime thereafter.

IT IS RULED that:

1. Notice is provided of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's curing instructions for the California Public Utilities Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Initial Proposal Volume 1.

2. Notice is provided of a letter from the Director of the California Public Utilities Commission's Communications Division to the Federal Communications Commission.

3. Parties are given the opportunity to offer comment on Attachments A-D until 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) April 4, 2024.

4. The record for the California Public Utilities Commission's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program Initial Proposal Volume 1 stands submitted as of 5:00 p.m. (Pacific) on April 4, 2024.

Dated April 2, 2024, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS J. GLEGOLA

Thomas J. Glegola
Administrative Law Judge