

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**Response Requested by April 1, 2019**

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To: California Broadband and State-Franchised Video Service Providers

Subject: **Request for Broadband Deployment and Subscription Data as of Dec. 31, 2018**

If you submitted broadband data to us last year, thank you. If this is your first time submitting broadband data, it is important to know that we collect broadband deployment and subscriber data to determine areas where broadband is available. Areas where broadband is not available may be eligible for a [California Advanced Services Fund \(CASF\)](#) grant to deploy network facilities.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Commission Decision [D.16-12-025](#)<sup>1</sup>, all communications providers certificated and/or registered with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), that also file Form 477 with the Federal Communications Commission, shall submit annually to the Communications Division by April 1st, broadband subscriber and deployment data at a *Census Block level* as of the prior calendar year's end in a form as designated by Communications Division Staff. Only Mobile providers may submit broadband subscriber data at the Census Tract level. All providers may fulfill the subscriber reporting requirement by submitting subscriber data at the more granular street address level.

Broadband data is to be submitted in the formats posted on the [Broadband Mapping Program](#) website. Please download the data formats, workbooks, and/or shapefiles appropriate for your submission. By not submitting your data in the above referenced formats, your data submittal will not be included on the [California Interactive Broadband Map](#), which could potentially open those areas to CASF grants.

**FIXED WIRELESS PROVIDERS**

Starting this 2019 data collection cycle, Fixed Wireless providers are no longer required to submit tower location information. Please submit data pursuant to the above instructions.

**STATE VIDEO FRANCHISE HOLDERS**

Every State Video Franchise (SVF) Holder is required by DIVCA to submit an Annual Report to the CPUC each year (Section 5960 of the CA Public Utilities Code). In addition to video availability and video subscriber data, SVF Holders must also report broadband availability (same as "deployment") and broadband subscriber data, as well as other information that is required in the Annual Report. If your organization is a SVF Holder, please check the Annual Reporting (for Holders) section of the CPUC's [Video Franchising web page](#) for reporting instructions, and continue sending your reports (per DIVCA) to the Video Franchising Group.

<sup>1</sup> Decision 16-12-025, Ordering Paragraph 1.

## **DEFINITIONS**

The CPUC uses the FCC definitions described below:

**Broadband:** Lines (or wireless channels) that terminate at an end-user location and enable the end user to receive information from and/or send information to the Internet at information-transfer rates exceeding 200 kbps in at least one direction.

**Broadband Deployment:** Fixed broadband connections are deployed in a Census Block if the provider does, or could, within a service interval that is typical for that type of connection—that is, without an extraordinary commitment of resources—provision two-way data transmission to and from the Internet with advertised speeds exceeding 200 kbps in at least one direction to end-user premises in the Census Block. Companies that would rely on the ordering or installation of a not-yet-leased circuit (including unbundled network elements defined in 47 C.F.R. § 51.319, TDM-based connections, or packet-based connections) to provide service in a Census Block not currently served, should NOT treat that Census Block as having service. Dark fiber acquired under an Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) should be considered the “owned” facilities of the company that acquired the IRU when the dark fiber is used as part of that entity’s own system.

### **California Interactive Broadband Map for public use**

Providers’ contact information is included on the [California Interactive Broadband Map](#), so that people in areas served by your organization can contact you for more information or to order service. **If you do not wish to have contact information available to those who may wish to purchase service from you, please let us know in writing.**

### **Confidentiality of submitted data**

Pursuant to [CA Public Utilities Code Sec. 583](#), no information furnished to the commission by a public utility, or a corporation which holds a controlling interest in a public utility, shall be open to public inspection or made public except on order of the commission. **Please identify any information that you consider confidential.**

Please submit the requested data no later than **Monday, April 1, 2019** in accordance with the instructions on the CPUC’s [State Broadband Mapping Program](#) webpage and the [Video Franchising](#) webpage. Send questions or comments to [broadbandmapping@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:broadbandmapping@cpuc.ca.gov).

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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