

## **BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER**

### **1. The Committee's Official Designation**

The official designation of this federal advisory committee is the "Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee" (hereinafter the "Committee").

### **2. Authority**

The Committee is hereby authorized at the direction of the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter the "Commission") and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. 2.

### **3. The Committee's Objective and Scope of its Activities**

The mission of the Committee is to make recommendations to the Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or "broadband" by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and strengthening existing broadband networks in communities across the country. This Committee is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders with interests in this area to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

Issues to be considered by the Committee may include, but are not limited to, measures to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters that impact broadband networks; new ways of encouraging deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure and services to low-income communities; and other ways to accelerate deployment of broadband infrastructure to all Americans and to close the digital divide.

### **4. Description of Duties**

The duties of the Committee will be to provide recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment issues as requested by the Commission.

### **5. Official to Whom the Committee Reports**

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission.

### **6. Support**

The Commission will provide the facilities and support staff necessary to conduct meetings of the Committee. Private sector members of the Committee will serve without any government compensation and will not be entitled to travel expenses or *per diem* subsistence allowances.

### **7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs in Dollars and Staff Years**

Annual operating costs associated with supporting the Committee's functions are estimated to be \$245,000, which includes Commission staff time equivalent to 2 FTEs.

### **8. Designated Federal Officer**

A full-time or permanent part-time employee, appointed by the Chairman of the Commission, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call all of the Committee's and subcommittee meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Committee and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the Chairman.

### **9. Committee Meetings**

The Committee shall meet approximately three (3) times a year. Meetings of the Committee shall be open to the public and timely notice of each meeting shall be published in the Federal Register and

shall be further publicized through other appropriate vehicles.

#### **10. Subcommittees**

The Committee may, with agency approval, work through informal subcommittees, or other subgroups of the Committee, which shall report their activities and recommendations to the Committee as a whole. It is anticipated that the work of subcommittees will be conducted primarily through telephone calls, e-mail correspondence, and e-mail discussion lists. Recommendations of subcommittees must be reported to the Committee as a whole, and only as modified or ratified by the Committee as a whole may such recommendations be reported to the Chairman of the Commission.

#### **11. Duration**

The term of the Committee shall be two years, but the Committee shall be terminated earlier if its work is completed before the end of its term.

#### **12. Termination**

The Committee shall terminate two years from the Filing Date of this charter, or earlier upon completion of its work, as determined by the Chairman.

#### **13. Membership**

Members of the Committee are appointed by the Chairman of the Commission in consultation with appropriate Commission staff. The Committee will consist of approximately 30 members who will be appointed either as Representatives or as Special Government Employees (SGEs) as necessary. Members are selected to balance the expertise and viewpoints that are necessary to address effectively the issues to be considered by the Committee. Members represent various sectors of the communications industry, as well as state and local regulators, and consumers and community organizations. Industry representatives are selected from rural and urban Internet service providers, independent network builders and networking equipment installers, pole and conduit owners, other entities involved in deploying broadband to all Americans, and industry trade associations.

Members are appointed as representatives of the communications industry, representatives of state and local regulators, or representatives of consumers. As appropriate, members may also be appointed for their individual expertise as SGEs.

#### **14. Recordkeeping**

Records of the proceedings will be kept, as required by applicable laws and regulations. All records of the Committee, its subcommittees, and any other subgroups of the Committee, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Item 6.2, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

#### **15. Filing Date**

March 1, 2019