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BROADBAND DATA TASK FORCE ANNOUNCES OPENING OF BROADBAND DATA COLLECTION FILING WINDOW AND RELEASE OF UPDATED BROADBAND SERVICEABLE LOCATION FABRIC

WC Docket Nos. 11-10, 19-195

By this Public Notice, the Broadband Data Task Force announces that the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) filing window for submitting broadband availability and other data as of December 31, 2023, will open on January 2, 2024. The December 2023 update (Version 4) of the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (Fabric) will be available to existing Fabric licensees starting on December 27, 2023.

Beginning January 2, 2024, facilities-based broadband service providers may begin submitting data into the BDC system that identifies where they made mass-market broadband internet access service available as of December 31, 2023.¹ Such entities, and providers of fixed voice services, must also submit their December 31, 2023, subscription data (required under Form 477) into the BDC system. All availability and subscription data must be submitted no later than March 1, 2024.²

Filers should submit their data in the BDC system at <https://bdc.fcc.gov/bdc>.³ A recorded webinar demonstrating how to use the BDC system is available at the “Education” tab at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/resources>. More information on how to log in, navigate the BDC system, and submit data can be found in the BDC System User Guide. Related video tutorials and help articles are available in the BDC Help Center at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/Help>. Information about the categories of broadband providers that must file availability data, the types of entities that may

¹ *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, WC Docket Nos. 19-195, 11-10, Third Report and Order, 36 FCC Rcd 1126, 1130-31, 33-34, paras. 10-11 & n.42, 16-17 (2021). Facilities-based broadband providers must have one or more end-user connections in service. The Broadband DATA Act requires the Commission to collect broadband Internet access service data from each “provider of fixed or mobile broadband Internet access service.” Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technological Availability Act, Pub. L. No. 116-130, 134 Stat. 228 (2020) (codified at 47 U.S.C. §§ 641-646) § 641(11). See *Broadband Data Task Force and Office of Economics and Analytics Announce Inaugural Broadband Data Collection Filing Dates*, Public Notice, DA 22-182 (BDTF/OEA Feb. 22, 2022) (*BDC Filing Window Public Notice*).

² These as-of dates and filing deadlines were established by the Commission in the *Second Order and Third Further Notice*. See *Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program*, WC Docket Nos. 19-195, 11-10, Second Report and Order and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 35 FCC Rcd 7460, 7484, para. 55 (2020); 47 CFR § 1.7002; see also *BDC Filing Window Public Notice*.

³ While broadband providers are no longer required to file broadband deployment information using FCC Form 477, we remind them that they must also continue to file Form 477 subscribership data and voice service availability data in the BDC system at <http://bdc.fcc.gov>.

submit verified availability data, and what data must be filed, can be found at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/filers>.

The Fabric serves as the foundation for the collection of fixed broadband availability data in the BDC. The updated version being made available to Fabric licensees starting December 27, 2023, must be used by filers of fixed broadband availability for their availability data as of December 31, 2023. Providers who are already licensees of the Fabric, and all other Fabric licensees (including state, local, and Tribal government and other third party entities), will receive an email from CostQuest, the FCC's Fabric contractor, providing them with access to the December 2023 Fabric data. Entities that have not yet entered into a license agreement with CostQuest for Fabric data (including internet service providers, state, local or Tribal governmental entities, or other entities wishing to use the Fabric data for purposes of participating in the BDC or non-commercial academic/public policy broadband research) may do so by following the instructions for obtaining access to the Fabric at the BDC Help Center.⁴

The new version of the Fabric incorporates data from updated data sources and other improvement efforts conducted by the FCC and CostQuest, and the results of Fabric challenges submitted by state, Tribal, and local governments, broadband service providers, and the public through the National Broadband Map. Changes from previous versions of the Fabric include additional Broadband Serviceable Locations and corrections to addresses, unit counts, building types, land use, and geographic coordinates.⁵

We encourage filers to submit their December 31, 2023, availability data as early as possible in the filing window. This will give filers an opportunity to address any problems with their data identified by the BDC system in time to make any necessary corrections in advance of the March 1, 2024, deadline. Failure to timely file required data in the new BDC system may lead to enforcement action and/or penalties as set forth in the Communications Act and other applicable laws.⁶

For additional information and questions regarding the Broadband Data Collection, please visit the BDC website at <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData>.

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⁴ Information about the Fabric and how service providers, governmental entities, and third parties can access it may be found in the BDC Help Center at <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbanddata/fabrichelp>.

⁵ Reference document explaining the Fabric and methodology can be found at: <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/resources> under the “Key Reference Documents” tab.

⁶ See *All Facilities-Based Broadband Internet Access Service Providers Must File Complete and Accurate Data in the Broadband Data Collection*, WC Docket Nos. 19-195, 11-10, Enforcement Advisory, DA 22-639, at 2-3 (EB June 15, 2022).