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BROADBAND DATA TASK FORCE BEGINS ACCEPTING CHALLENGES TO JUNE 2023 BROADBAND SERVICEABLE LOCATION FABRIC

WC Docket Nos. 11-10 and 19-195

By this Public Notice, the Broadband Data Task Force (Task Force) announces that entities can begin submitting bulk challenges to the latest, June 2023 version of the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric. Bulk Fabric challenges submitted in advance of **September 8, 2023**, are most likely to be reviewed and adjudicated in time to be accounted for in the next iteration of the Fabric (December 2023). Bulk Fabric challenges submitted after September 8, 2023, will continue to be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis, but would likely be adjudicated as part of a future version of the Fabric.¹

On July 3, 2023, the Task Force announced that the June 2023 version of the Fabric is being made available in conjunction with the opening of the BDC filing window.² Fabric data are associated with a relevant “as-of” date for fixed broadband availability data reporting, and we therefore release an updated iteration of Fabric data in conjunction with the opening of each biannual BDC filing window for reporting broadband availability as of June 30 or December 31. The June 2023 Fabric data serves as the foundation for the collection of fixed broadband availability data as of June 30, 2023, which must be submitted no later than September 1, 2023.³

Bulk Fabric challenges must be submitted in the BDC system at <http://bdc.fcc.gov>. As of July 1, 2023, the BDC system only accepts bulk Fabric challenges based upon the data in the June 2023 Fabric.⁴

¹ The Commission continues to accept challenges to the Fabric and broadband availability data on a rolling basis as contemplated by the Broadband DATA Act, the Commission’s rules, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. See Broadband Deployment Accuracy and Technology Availability Act, Pub. L. No. 116-130, §802(b)(5)(C), 134 Stat. 228 (2020) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 642(b)(5)(C)); 47 CFR § 1.7006(d); Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, § 60102(h)(2)(E)(i), 135 Stat. 429 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 642(b)(5)(C)(i)). The results of availability challenges will be updated on the National Broadband Map (NBM) as soon as they are resolved. The results of location challenges to the June 2023 Fabric are expected to be reflected in the Map by November 2023.

² *Broadband Data Task Force Announces Opening of the Third Broadband Data Collection Filing Window*, WC Docket Nos. 19-195, 11-10, Public Notice, DA 23-580 (WTB/WCB/OEA July 3, 2023). The June 2023 Fabric contains data from additional data sources and other improvements by the FCC and CostQuest, as well as the results of bulk Fabric challenges submitted by state and local governments and broadband providers on or before March 15, 2023.

³ The FCC will publish the June 30, 2023 broadband availability data, reported and overlaid on to the June 2023 Fabric, in an update to the NBM in the fall.

⁴ The Fabric data currently displayed on the NBM is the December 2022 Fabric, which form the foundation upon which ISPs reported their service availability as of December 31, 2022. See FCC, *Which Version of the Fabric Should I Use?* (Jan. 3, 2023), <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/11749189297947-Which-Version-of-the-Fabric-Should-I-Use-> (“[i]ndividual challenges to both location and availability data, which are submitted directly using the National Broadband Map challenge interface, will also continue to be based on the version displayed on

Any pending bulk challenges to the December 2022 version of the Fabric submitted between March 15, 2023, and June 30, 2023, are being reviewed and adjudicated against the June 2023 Fabric and do not need to be refiled. All bulk challenges submitted on or after July 1, 2023, however, must be submitted against the June 2023 Fabric.

As a reminder, entities that had previously entered into a license agreement with CostQuest are receiving an email from CostQuest providing a link to download the June 2023 Fabric data for their covered areas.⁵ 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) may do so by following the instructions for obtaining access to the Fabric.⁶

Bulk Fabric challengers should submit their challenges to the June 2023 Fabric as soon as possible after receiving the new data, and in any case **no later than September 8, 2023**, to have the best opportunity for challenges to be considered in time for preparation of the December 2023 version of the Fabric. More information on best practices for Fabric challenges can be found in previous Task Force releases and on the BDC Help Center.⁷

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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the map at the time of submission. Individual challenges from the NBM will be reviewed and aligned with updates CostQuest has made and the results of bulk challenges.

⁵ CostQuest sent an email from nbsupport@costquest.com to the Certifying Official identified in the Entity Information page of your BDC system registration providing a link to the updated data file.

⁶ See *Broadband Data Task Force Announces the Availability of the Production Version of the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric*, WC Docket Nos. 11-10, 19-195, Public Notice, DA 22-668 (BDTF/WCB/OEA June 23, 2022). See also FCC, *Access the Fabric*, <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/sections/10419330460827-Access-the-Fabric> (last visited Jan. 17, 2023). More information about the Fabric may be found in the BDC Help Center at <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov>.

⁷ See *Broadband Data Task Force Announces Recommended Best Practices for Challenges to Updated Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric*, WC Docket Nos. 11-10, 19-195, Public Notice, DA 23-69 (BDTF Jan. 25, 2023); FCC, *How To Submit A Successful Bulk Fabric Challenge* (March, 2, 2023), FCC, <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/13308560752155-How-to-Submit-a-Successful-Bulk-Fabric-Challenge->, *Bulk Fabric Challenge FAQs* (Apr. 28, 2023), FCC, <https://help.bdc.fcc.gov/hc/en-us/articles/9200359586971-Bulk-Fabric-Challenge-FAQs>.