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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to  
Consider Modifications to the California  
Advanced Services Fund.

Rulemaking 12-10-012

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING ANNOUNCING PUBLISHING  
UPDATES TO THE CALIFORNIA INTERACTIVE BROADBAND MAP AND  
POSTPONING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

In this ruling, we revise the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Infrastructure Grant deadlines for 2019. The California Interactive Broadband Map (Map) was revised with updated data to better reflect broadband service, and grant eligibility, at the census block level. This ruling extends deadlines to give applicants more time to prepare applications based on the updated Map. The deadline for applications is moved from April 1 to May 1, 2019, and all subsequent deadlines are moved back by one month. The changed deadlines apply only to 2019. The timeline for future years will follow Decision (D.) 18-12-018.

**1. Background**

The California Advanced Services Fund rules were refreshed and updated in D.18-12-018, issued December 20, 2018. The Decision changed the project-eligibility rules of the CASF and made associated revisions to the data-validation methods that determine grant eligibility. Appendix 1 of D.18-12-018 states, “For a census block to be served by a provider, the provider must submit deployment data indicating that it offers ... [service]... to at least one household in that census block and subscriber data indicating that it has one subscriber in that census block.<sup>1</sup>” This was a change from the

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<sup>1</sup> D.18-12-018, Appendix 1, Broadband Infrastructure Account Requirements, Guidelines and Application Materials, at 7, footnote 7.

prior program practice using less granular data (under the prior practice staff requested data at the census block level, but supplemented it with data at less granular levels as necessary). Some of the supplemental data used previously is not compatible with the new rules, including providers who submitted subscriber data to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at the census tract level, but did not submit to Communications Division. This resulted in the Map incorrectly displaying census blocks eligible under the current rules (in D. 18-12-018) as not eligible (served) because the blocks were in the same census tract as served census blocks.

## **2. Proposed Revisions**

To update the Map consistent with the requirements in D.18-12-018, the Map no longer displays the service areas of providers who have not provided subscription data to the Communications Division at the census block level. This includes three providers that submitted subscriber data at the census tract level<sup>2</sup> and 56 wireless Internet Service Providers that did not provide the Communications Division with any data, but did provide census tract-level data to the FCC.

This revised Map was published on March 1, 2019. Providers will have until May 1, 2019 to submit Applications. All subsequent deadlines for this annual cycle will be pushed back by one month. The schedule change will not affect future cycles. The resulting revised timeline for this year is displayed below:

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<sup>2</sup> These providers were given the opportunity to revise their submissions.

**Revised 2019 CASF Infrastructure Account Timeline**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Revised Broadband Availability Map Published	March 1, 2019
CASF Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	May 1, 2019
Deadline for CD Staff to post Application Summaries and Maps to CPUC website and notify CASF Distribution List	May 15, 2019
Deadline for Challenge Submissions	June 5, 2019
Deadline for Communications Division Staff to Announce if it will offer a second application round	June 15, 2019
Deadline for Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review	November 1, 2019
Deadline for publishing Draft Resolutions recommending Project Approval	November 1, 2019

**IT IS SO RULED.**

Dated March 14, 2019, at San Francisco, California.

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