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NOTICE¹

I/M/O THE BROADBAND ACCESS STUDY COMMISSION (P.L. 2021, C. 161) DOCKET NO. TO21121237

To All New Jersey Internet Service Providers:

The purpose of this notice is to request cooperation from all NJ Internet Service Providers (ISP) in providing certain data to the state contracted vendor, ECC, for completion of a report pursuant to L.2021, c.161 (Act).

On July 7, 2021, Governor Murphy created the Broadband Access Study Commission (BASC) within the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) under the Act. The Act instructs the BASC to “evaluate the impediments of access to broadband service for all residents of New Jersey and to report the findings...to the Governor...” The Act directs the BASC to evaluate issues related to physical access, deployment, and affordability of broadband service available to residents of the State of New Jersey (NJ).

To this end, BPU has retained the services of ECC Technologies Inc. (ECC) under a request for quotation to perform detailed mapping of broadband availability within NJ. ECC has been tasked specifically with gathering broadband service information, including service areas at the address level, upload and download speeds, network infrastructure type(s), pricing, and other necessary data, all intended to be used as the foundation for the final broadband map and resulting report required by the Act.

ECC will – on behalf of BPU and the BASC – gather, review, and analyze all necessary data for the completion of the broadband map and comprehensive report required under the Act. BPU is requesting the cooperation of all ISPs operating in NJ to work with ECC by complying with its requests for information. ECC will contact ISPs directly and provide details of its request and the required format for the submission of the data. Providers should work with ECC to secure data intended to be confidential. Providers may also make a claim with BPU for confidential treatment of information under the applicable confidentiality rule, where appropriate. The success of this state project for the benefit of NJ residents hinges on full and complete participation by providers.

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BPU would like to thank providers in advance for your anticipated cooperation in supplying ECC with this essential information.

Questions concerning the submission of information should be directed to Cory Brown of ECC at cbrown@ecctec.com or (919) 874-5989 or Joseph Rivera, Broadband Manager at BPU, at Broadband@bpu.nj.gov or (609) 322-9625.

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