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FCC ANNOUNCES MEMBERSHIP AND FIRST MEETING OF THE RE-CHARTERED BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,¹ Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) Chairman Ajit Pai has appointed members to serve on the re-chartered Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). The re-chartered BDAC will hold its first meeting on **Thursday, June 13, 2019, beginning at 9:30 am**, in the Commission Meeting Room at FCC Headquarters, located at 445 12th Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554. Notice of this meeting will be published in the Federal Register.

In its second term, the BDAC will continue its work to craft recommendations for the Commission on ways 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. The BDAC will continue to provide an opportunity for interested stakeholders 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 the deployment of broadband to all Americans.

Specifically, the BDAC and its three Working Groups will address the following topics:

- *Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group*—Measures to improve resiliency of broadband infrastructure before a disaster occurs, and strategies that can be used during and after the response to a disaster to minimize broadband network downtime.²
- *Increasing Broadband Investment in Low-Income Communities Working Group*—New ways to encourage the deployment of high-speed broadband infrastructure and services to low-income communities.³

¹ 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

² Chairman Pai has re-chartered the BDAC’s Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group to continue its work. See *FCC Seeks Applicants for BDAC Disaster Response and Recovery Group*, Public Notice, DA 18-837 (Aug. 9, 2018).

³ *FCC Solicits Nominations for New Working Group of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee Focused on Increasing Broadband Investment in Low-Income Communities*, Public Notice, DA 19-158 (Mar. 7, 2019).

- *Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Job Skills and Training Opportunities Working Group*—Ways to make more widely available and improve job skills training and development opportunities for the broadband infrastructure deployment workforce.⁴

These efforts will build upon the vital work done by the BDAC in its first term, including providing recommendations to help ensure that competing broadband providers can obtain efficient access to the infrastructure necessary to deploy broadband services, which greatly informed the Commission's adoption of a one-touch make-ready pole attachment regime;⁵ adopting model legislation for use by states and local governments; providing recommendations on removing regulatory barriers to broadband deployment on federal lands and property; and identifying actions at the state and local government levels that serve as barriers to broadband deployment, along with recommendations to address these barriers.

Chairman Pai has designated Elizabeth Bowles, President and Chair of Aristotle, Inc., to continue to serve as Chair of the BDAC, and David Young, Fiber Infrastructure and Right of Way Manager, City of Lincoln, Nebraska, to continue to serve as Vice Chair. A full list of BDAC members is attached to this Public Notice.

Additionally, Chairman Pai has selected Justin L. Faulb to serve as Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the BDAC. Mr. Faulb replaces Paul D'Ari, the outgoing DFO. Zach Ross and Darrel Pae will serve as the new Deputy DFOs, replacing Deborah Salons and Jiaming Shang.

The agenda of the BDAC's first meeting will be to introduce the BDAC members, describe the working groups, assign members to working groups, and begin discussing how to accelerate the deployment of broadband by reducing and/or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment. The BDAC will also receive a status report from the Disaster Response and Recovery Working Group. This agenda may be modified at the discretion of the BDAC Chair and the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

The BDAC meeting is open to the public. The FCC will accommodate as many attendees as possible; however, admittance will be limited to seating availability. The Commission will also provide audio and/or video coverage of the meeting over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Requests for such accommodations should be submitted via e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or by calling the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation needed. In addition, please include a way for the FCC to contact the requester if more information is needed to fill the request. Please allow at least five days' advance notice for accommodation requests; last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to accommodate.

Members of the public may submit comments to the BDAC in the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System, ECFS, at www.fcc.gov/ecfs. Comments to the BDAC should be filed in GN Docket No. 17-83.

More information about the BDAC is available at <https://www.fcc.gov/broadband-deployment-advisory-committee>. You may also contact Justin L. Faulb, DFO of the BDAC, at 202-418-1589, or Justin.Faulb@fcc.gov; Zach Ross, Deputy DFO, at 202-418-1033, or Zachary.Ross@fcc.gov; or Darrel Pae, Deputy DFO, at 202-418-0687, or Darrel.Pae@fcc.gov.

⁴ *FCC Solicits Nominations for New Working Group of the Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee Focused on Job Skills and Training Opportunities for the Broadband Infrastructure Deployment Workforce*, Public Notice, DA 19-241 (Apr. 1, 2019).

⁵ *See Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, 33 FCC Rcd 7705 (2018).

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BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Justin L. Faulb, Designated Federal Officer
Zach Ross, Deputy Designated Federal Officer
Darrel Pae, Deputy Designated Federal Officer

Chair:

Elizabeth Bowles, President and Chair
Aristotle Inc.

Vice Chair:

David Young, Fiber Infrastructure and Right of Way Manager, City of Lincoln, Nebraska
National League of Cities

Members:

Jonathan Adelstein, President and Chief Executive Officer
Wireless Infrastructure Association

Claude Aiken, President and Chief Executive Officer
Wireless Internet Service Providers Association

Allen Bell, Distribution Support Manager, Georgia Power
Southern Company

Kelleigh Cole, Manager of Strategic Projects
Utah Education and Telehealth Network

Robert DeBroux, Director, Public Policy and Federal Regulatory Affairs
TDS Telecom

Douglas Dimitroff, Partner, Phillips Lytle LLP
New York State Wireless Association

Skyler Ditchfield, Chief Executive Officer
GeoLinks

David Don, Vice President, Regulatory Policy
Comcast

Tom Ellefson, Senior Vice President, Northeast Region Engineering
T-Mobile

Thomas Ferree, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Connected Nation

Marc Ganzi, Chief Executive Officer
Digital Bridge Holdings LLC

Carlos Gutierrez, Deputy Director, Legal and Policy Affairs
LGBT Technology Partnership & Institute

Michael Hain, General Manager and Chief Technology Officer
Nittany Media

Larry Hanson, Executive Director
Georgia Municipal Association

Julie Kearney, Head of Regulatory Affairs
Loon LLC

Leticia Latino, President and Chief Executive Officer
Neptuno

Eve Lewis, Assistant City Attorney
City of Coconut Creek, Florida

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National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

Kelly McGriff, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel
Uniti Group

Charles McKee, Vice President of Government Affairs, Federal and State Regulatory
Sprint

Chris Nurse, Assistant Vice President for State Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
AT&T

The Honorable Karen Charles Peterson, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable
National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Scott Rudd, Director of Broadband Opportunities
Office of Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, State of Indiana

The Honorable Gregg Sayre, Commissioner
New York Public Service Commission

Ken Simon, Senior Vice President and General Counsel
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CenturyLink

Nancy Werner, General Counsel
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Christopher Yoo, Professor, University of Pennsylvania