

To: Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. and Pennsylvania One Call Utility Participants

From: Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority

Subject: Request for Sharing Geospatial Infrastructure Data with the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA)

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), established by Act 96 of 2021, is the single point of contact for information and coordination of broadband development and deployment across the commonwealth. Additionally, the PBDA coordinates facilitation of federal and state funding opportunities for broadband expansion purposes (i.e. Capital Projects Fund and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act). The PBDA administers these funds to expand broadband service prioritizing the unserved and underserved areas of the state.

To identify these investment areas, the PBDA requires accurate and up-to-date geospatial infrastructure data. Having access to this data will help us to distribute grant money more effectively and allow coordination of broadband expansion efforts. The PBDA requests that Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (PA One Call) and PA One Call Utility Participants share their geospatial infrastructure data, as this information will enable the PBDA to perform core functions more accurately, more specifically, the coordination of projects and distribution of grant money.

By sharing geospatial infrastructure data, PA One Call and PA One Call Utility Participants will take a valuable role in the PBDA's mission to improve broadband access and availability for every Pennsylvanian. This accurate and up-to-date data will help the PBDA to identify potential obstacles and help mitigate damage to underground utilities and infrastructure, thereby minimizing disruption of utility services and promoting worker and public safety.

In closing, the PBDA thanks PA One Call and PA One Call Utility Participants for their consideration of this request, as doing so will advance our efforts to expand broadband access and availability throughout Pennsylvania, while ensuring safety and efficiency of utility services across the state.

Sincerely,



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