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Subject: [EXTERNAL] FP and FPFR Approval

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Dear Ms. Ellis,

The Assistant Secretary has signed off on the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Final Proposal (FP) and Final Proposal Funding Request (FPFR).

After thorough review, OICG has determined that the CPUC's FP meets all relevant requirements of IIJA, the NOFO, and the BEAD RPN, and satisfies all the requirements necessary for approval.

OICG has also determined that the CPUC's FPFR meets all relevant requirements described in the FPFR Standards of Review and that the FPFR is consistent with all contents of the FP. NTIA has determined that the FP and FPFR are complete and finds that the CPUC has addressed all relevant NOFO requirements and as a result, the FP and FPFR has met the statutory approval criteria as follows: 1. Complies with Section 60102(f) of the IIJA; 2. Is in the public interest; and 3. Effectuates the purposes of the IIJA.

The Final Proposal now moves to NIST for final review and the issuance of the Notice of Award (NOA) or award amendment to release additional grant funds. A reminder that the US Department of Commerce (DOC) National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is responsible for the award, administration, and monitoring of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Broadband Infrastructure Law or BIL, Programs-which include the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD).

Programmatic monitoring and oversight activities for BEAD programs are conducted in coordination with the National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST) Grants Management Division (GMD). Previously your NIST Grants Officer issued the grant award Form CD-450 and this update is in regard to the Final Proposal specific award conditions (SAC).



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We understand that the CPUC must comply with all requirements necessary for a public and deliberative process, which includes sufficient time to publish for comment the formally NTIA-approved Final Proposal, along with all related curing requests. After the comment period, the Commission must take formal action, such as voting to ratify the cured Final Proposal, before CPUC staff can take steps to implement the Final Proposal, including actions towards entering subgrantee agreements. We understand that the 30-day deadline to return the NOA to NIST is not sufficient to allow the Commission to adhere to its mandated public process comment period and to take a vote on the Final Proposal. We acknowledge CPUC's request and need for an additional 30 days for the CPUC to go through required internal processes to sign and submit the Notice of Award (NOA).

I will keep you posted on any updates I receive as best I can. Thank you and please let us know if you have any questions. Congratulations!

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Cheers,
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