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VIA E-MAIL

To: California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Service and Distribution Lists

Re: Extension of the 2026 California Advanced Services Fund Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account Application Deadline to November 2, 2026.

By this letter, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) extends the California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) Broadband Infrastructure Grant Account (Infrastructure Account) 2026 application deadline from October 1, 2026 to November 2, 2026, in response to some stakeholders' requests to allow time for prospective applicants to analyze the new eligibility data and account for the federal Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program.

In Decision (D.) 22-11-023, the CPUC established timelines for submission of applications for the CASF Infrastructure Account. Due to the time for the State of California to take project solicitations for the federal BEAD program¹ and the approval of the BEAD Final Proposal, the 2026 CASF Infrastructure Grant Application submission deadline was originally extended from April 2026 to October 1, 2026.²

On July 17, 2026, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) approved California's BEAD Final Proposal. The CPUC is expected to consider ratification of the BEAD Final Proposal during the September 17, 2026 voting meeting. On August 21, 2026, the CPUC received requests from some stakeholders to extend the deadline for the 2026 CASF Infrastructure Account. Specifically, some stakeholders noted that additional time is needed to analyze the eligibility data and develop proposals for the CASF Infrastructure Account that do not overlap with BEAD-funded areas. Extending the current deadline to November 2, 2026 is

¹ See <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/bead-program>.

² See e.g. "Postponement of the Deadline for Action on Pending 2025 CASF Infrastructure Applications and 2026 CASF Infrastructure Project Application Deadline" Dated March 23, 2026 available at [casf-infra-letter--postponement-of-2025-deem-deney-deadline-and-2026-app-cycle.pdf](#).

reasonable and provides applicants additional time, while also supporting the program's goal, and avoiding further delays to the 2027 application timeline.

Pursuant to Rule 16.6 of the CPUC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, I authorize the deadline for the 2026 CASF Infrastructure Account applications be moved from October 1, 2026, to November 2, 2026, and all subsequent deadlines be moved accordingly per the table below.

Revised 2026 CASF Infrastructure Account Timeline

Broadband Availability Map Published	September 23, 2026 ³
CASF 2026 Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	November 2, 2026
Deadline for Staff to post Application Summaries and Maps to CPUC website and notify CASF Distribution List	November 16, 2026
Deadline for Challenge Submissions	December 7, 2026
Deadline for 2026 Application Approvals Under Ministerial Review	September 30, 2027
Deadline for Publishing Draft Resolutions Recommending Project Approval from the 2026 cycle	September 30, 2027
CASF 2027 Infrastructure Account Application Deadline	November 1, 2027 ⁴

This letter is being served on the CASF Distribution List and the Service List for Rulemaking 20-08-021 via email.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

³ Staff will provide an update on the availability of the Broadband Map via an email to the CASF Distribution List.

⁴ Staff will post the 2027 CASF Infrastructure Account application summaries and maps to CPUC website and notify CASF Distribution List within two weeks after the application deadline. An entity challenging a CASF Infrastructure Grant application must submit its complete challenge no later than 21 calendar days from the notice of the application being served on the CASF Distribution List. The timeline for the remaining dates in the 2027 application cycle will be addressed in a future letter.