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Subject: Proposed Amendment to H.513 Broadband Deployment

Suggested Amendment to H.513-Broadband Deployment

In January, I presented testimony to your committee in January regarding the need for a “Comprehensive Telco Utility Infrastructure Information Database” as a critical part of supporting broadband deployment and cell service coverage and planning in Vermont.

In its current form H.513 does not include any sections to meet this critical need.

I strongly hope that your committee consider amending the bill to include a new section that includes the following:

- Require all Vermont Utilities, Fiber, Cable, Cellular, and Telco Companies to annually submit all their pole, tower, and line inventories to the Vermont Center for Geographic Information for aggregation and dissemination.
- The Vermont Department of Public Service (DPS) should take the lead in overseeing/ managing this data development effort.
- Require the Vermont Center for Geographic Information to develop data standards for pole, tower, fiber, and line inventories in collaboration with Vermont Utility Fiber, Cable, Cellular, and Telco Companies.
- Require the funding to support this effort to come from USF.

Thank you for your consideration.

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