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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2020

SUBJ: (AMENDED) ARKANSAS RURAL CONNECT CORONAVIRUS RULE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please find attached or available by electronic publication by the Arkansas Economic Development Commission ("AEDC") Proposed Amended Rule, "ARKANSAS RURAL CONNECT CONRONAVIRUS RULE." The Director of AEDC ("Director") is filing for public comment and public hearing a proposed regulation addressing participation in the Arkansas Rural Connect Broadband Grant Program (hereafter, the "ARC Program") for communities impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act, and other applicable laws or rules, NOTICE is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on February 8, 2020, at 08:30 A.M to 9AM. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the Director should adopt the proposed amended Rule, "ARKANSAS RURAL CONNECT CORONAVIRUS RULE." This will be an electronically conducted public hearing using "Zoom." Please join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android at:

<https://arkansas.zoom.us/j/93578300318?pwd=ajRtMWFKejdNbmc2SGM2VkpWGHhQT09>

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Conference code: 5740401

This hearing will begin on Monday, February 8th, from 8:30 A.M. until 9:00 A.M. Interested persons may type in their questions in the "chat" function and a Department representative will answer them. Alternatively, any interested person may make written or electronic comments, statements or opinions to the address below before the administrative record is closed on November 9, 2020, at 9 A.M., unless the comment period is extended by the Director.

Persons wishing to testify or make comments are requested to submit intended statements in writing in advance. Direct your inquiries to: Steven Porch, Executive Broadband Manager, 501-682-7306, email: broadband@arkansas.gov; or to Mr. Clint Moore, 501-682-5917.

A copy of the proposed Rule may be obtained or viewed on the AEDC Website at www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules. The rules may also be received by calling Mr. Steven Porch, Ms. Shanta Tisdale or Mr. Clint Moore.

Sincerely,

Steven Porch
Chief Legal Officer
Arkansas Department of Commerce