

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

SUBJ: ADDENDUM TO 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, "ADDENDUM TO 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 OCTOBER 4, 2020, at 08:30 AM to 9AM. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to determine whether the Director should adopt the proposed Rule, "ADDENDUM TO 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:

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This hearing will begin on Monday, October 4, 2021, from 8:30 AM until 9 AM. 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 October 3, 2021, at 9AM, 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, or Ms. Kimberly Young, 501-682-7306, email: [broadband@arkansas.gov](mailto:broadband@arkansas.gov).

A copy of the proposed Rule may be obtained or viewed on the AEDC Website at [www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules](http://www.arkansasedc.com/data-reports/rules). The rules may also be received by calling Mr. Steven Porch or Ms. Kimberly Young.

Sincerely,

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