

PERMANENT RULE ADOPTION ORDER

Exective Director's Office

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The attached permanent rules are promulgated to implement Colorado House Bill 20-1137 (HB20-1137), concerning the process for the optional certification that is now available to every applicant who applies for funding from the Colorado Broadband Deployment Board for broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas of Colorado. These rules set forth the process for local entities to collect, review, and analyze quantitative data concerning the existence of broadband service in the application area, so that they may determine whether certification is appropriate.

The basis for these rules is to carry out the provisions of HB20-1137, pursuant to section 40-15-509.5(8)(a)(III)(B), C.R.S., as amended.

The specific statutory authorities that authorize this rulemaking are section 40-15-509.5(8)(a)(III)(B), C.R.S., as amended by HB20-1137, and section 24-4-103, C.R.S. The adoption of these permanent rules is necessary to comply with the requirements of state law at section 40-15 509.5(8)(a)(III)(B), C.R.S., as amended by HB20-1137. Therefore, I hereby adopt these permanent rules as printed and amended, and incorporate by reference the statements of basis, purpose, and statutory authority, pursuant to section 24-4-103(4)(c), C.R.S.

Dated this 12th day of November 2020, to be effective January 14, 2021.

Patty Salazar, Executive Director

Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies

