

## **Public Service Commission of Wisconsin**

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May 22, 2024

**Challenge Process Participants** 

Re: BEAD Challenge Process 20-day Completeness Review 5-BCH-2024 Results

The Commission continues to administer the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program Challenge Process. The initial challenge submission period opened on April 29, 2024, and will conclude on May 29, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. During the first 20 calendar days of this submission period, Commission staff reviewed submitted challenges for completeness and notified participants of identified errors so that they had the opportunity to supplement or revise their submission accordingly (see page 9 of the challenge process instructions <u>PSC REF#: 498666</u>).

The attached correspondence reflects the feedback provided to participants that submitted challenges within the 20-day review period where the staff identified a submission was incomplete. While staff provide this information as a courtesy and to encourage accurate submissions and robust participation in the challenge process, this feedback does not represent final determinations related to sufficiency of evidence or the acceptance of a challenge. All challenge documents are subject to the evaluation and adjudication process at the conclusion of the rebuttal period regardless of any feedback or pre-review conducted by staff during the 20-day review period.

At the conclusion of the 30-day challenge period on May 29, Commission staff will review all submitted documents, compile acceptable challenges, and publish an update to the Challenge docket 5-BCH-2024, <u>website</u>, and BEAD Challenge Map indicating the locations that are eligible for rebuttal due to an eligible challenge or pre-challenge modification. The 30-day rebuttal period begins the day Commission staff post this data, and is estimated to begin no earlier than June 6.

As eligible participants continue to prepare and submit challenges, they should closely review the BEAD Challenge Instructions (<u>PSC REF#: 498666</u>) and BEAD Challenge FAQs (<u>PSC REF#: 501674</u>) to ensure compliance with process requirements and that submitted evidence is complete and robust for consideration during the adjudication period.

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If participants have questions or require assistance in submitting challenges, they should contact <u>PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov</u> as soon as practicable. Requests for assistance cannot extend the submission deadline and challengers should not expect immediate responses in the days before the deadline.

Sincerely,

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Joe Fontaine Administrator Division of Digital Access, Consumer and Environmental Affairs

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Attachment: Challenge Preliminary Review Emails

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge < PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov >
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:16 PM
То:	rx965n@att.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Rebecca,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completion.

We are contacting you because you submitted challenges related to your own entity's availability of service. The BEAD Challenge Process does not allow for the reporting of new service availability by a provider if that service existed as of December 31, 2023 or earlier. To correct any errors in this availability information for your entity, you will need to revise your Broadband Data Collection filing with the Federal Communications Commission. Please see question 13 of our <u>BEAD Challenge FAQ</u> here for more information.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
		Availability challenge to report new service not allowed	See FAQ #13. For service constructed
			after December 31,
			2023 and before June 30, 2024, use
AT&T Services Inc			challenge code P
Challenge Data	<u>501555</u>		(planned service).
AT&T Services Inc		See above	
CH Evidence 1	<u>501556</u>		
AT&T Services Inc			
CH Evidence 2	<u>501557</u>	See above	

To resubmit these documents with revisions, save all documents using the same file naming convention with "revised" added to the end of the file name (i.e. *ProviderName CHEvidence1 revised*) and upload the documents to docket 5-BCH-2024.

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- <u>Step-by-Step CAI Submission Instructions</u>

Regards, Wisconsin Broadband Office

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge < PSCBEADChallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:16 PM
То:	travis.mcfarlane@bloomer.net
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Travis,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
		Evidence is project proposal. No date provided and not executed agreement	Enforceable funding commitment evidence requires source of funds and an executed agreement or clear government
Bloomer			commitment. See page 19
Broadband_CHevidence4	<u>502063</u>		of instructions.
		references evidence 1 but	Upload evidence
		document not submitted.	document 1 or delete
Bloomer Broadband			reference to evidence 1
Challenge Data	<u>502060</u>		and resubmit

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Regards, Wisconsin Broadband Office

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:15 PM
То:	Raschka, Adam - Charter
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Adam,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF	Error	Notes
	Link		
		Map screenshot/export has no	See planned service
		date and map has no legend or	evidence document
		additional context.	examples in
			instructions
Spectrum CH Evidence 2	<u>502115</u>		document (page 20).
		Improperly redacted	Full redactions are
			not acceptable. See
			confidential filing
			information in
Spectrum CH Evidence 2			challenge
(REDACTED COPY)	<u>502116</u>		instructions.
		Screenshots have no date or	See planned service
		additional context.	evidence document
			examples in
Spectrum Mid-America,			instructions
LLC CH Evidence 1	<u>502114</u>		document (page 20).

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Regards,

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:16 PM
То:	ppearson@experiencemosaic.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Preston,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF	Error	Notes
	Link		
		Map not tied to any project scope documents.	Enforceable funding commitment evidence requires source of funds and an executed agreement or clear government
Chibardun Telephone CH Evidence 1	<u>502071</u>		commitment. See page 19 of instructions.
Chibardun Telephone Cooperative Challenge Data	<u>502070</u>	References evidence 2 and evidence 3 but evidence documents not submitted.	Upload evidence 2 and 3 document or delete reference to evidence 2 and 3 and resubmit

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## Regards,

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:17 PM
То:	s.squires@cochranetel.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Shawn,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF	Error	Notes
	Link		
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence11 (REDACTED COPY)	<u>499538</u>	Improper confidentiality request – overly redacted	Please request confidentiality and redact PII and other sensitive information as needed and re- upload. See challenge instructions for information on confidential filings.
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence1	<u>499607</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence2	<u>499589</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence3	<u>499590</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence4	<u>499591</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence5	<u>499592</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence6	<u>499593</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23

Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence7	<u>499594</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence8	<u>499514</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence8	<u>499595</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence9	<u>499596</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence10	<u>499588</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company CH Evidence11	<u>499537</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence12	<u>499609</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence13	499611	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence14	499612	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence15	499613	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence16	499614	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence17	<u>499615</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence18	<u>499616</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence19	<u>499617</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23
Cochrane Cooperative Telephone Company_CH Evidence20	<u>499618</u>	CPF enforceable commitments are preliminary and need not be challenged.	See FAQ #23

Cochrane Cooperative		CPF enforceable commitments are	See FAQ #23
Telephone Company_CH		preliminary and need not be	
Evidence21	<u>499610</u>	challenged.	

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You also submitted challenges related to your entity's recent Capital Projects Fund Broadband Infrastructure Program Award. While the BEAD Challenge data includes a preliminary view of these awarded grants, the final locations subject to the enforceable commitment will be those listed in the scope of your executed grant agreement. Please coordinate with the Broadband Office to verify your location obligations before signing your grant agreement. After signature, these locations will be automatically incorporated as enforceable commitments.

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Regards,

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:14 PM
То:	aptwifi@educationsuperhighway.org
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Sean,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
EducationSuperHighway Challenge Data (1)	501646	Challenge data included in multiple tabs	Please compile all challenge data in one tab, as provided in the location challenge submission spreadsheet template
EducationSuperHighway Challenge Data (1)	<u>501637</u>	Duplicate or partial duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway Challenge Data (2)	<u>501655</u>	Duplicate or partial duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway Challenge Data (3)	<u>501662</u>	Duplicate or partial duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 1	<u>501647</u>	Screenshots pages 4-9 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 1	<u>501638</u>	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 2	501648	Screenshots don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 2	<u>501639</u>	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.

EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 3	501649	Screenshots don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 3	501640	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 4	501650	Screenshots pages 1-7 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 4	501641	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 5	<u>501642</u>	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 6	<u>501643</u>	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 7	<u>501653</u>	Screenshots pages 1, and 3-8 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 7	<u>501644</u>	Duplicate submission	Duplicate documents are discarded and not considered.
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 8	<u>501656</u>	Screenshots don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 9	<u>501657</u>	Screenshots don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 10	<u>501658</u>	Screenshots pages 1-16 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 12	<u>501663</u>	Screenshots pages 7-14 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 14	<u>501665</u>	Screenshots pages 9-16 don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 15	<u>501666</u>	Screenshots don't include dates	
EducationSuperHighway CH Evidence 16	<u>501667</u>	Screenshot on page 4 does not include dates	

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From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:15 PM
То:	engineering@getlynxx.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Christopher,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completion.

We are contacting you because you submitted challenges related to your own entity's availability of service. The BEAD Challenge Process does not allow for the reporting of new service availability by a provider if that service existed as of December 31, 2023 or earlier. To correct any errors in this availability information for your entity, you will need to revise your Broadband Data Collection filing with the Federal Communications Commission. Please see question 13 of our <u>BEAD Challenge FAQ</u> here for more information.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
		Availability challenge to report	See FAQ #13. For
		new service not allowed	service constructed
			after December 31,
			2023 and before
Lemonweir Valley			June 30, 2024, use
Telephone			challenge code P
Challenge Data 1	<u>502110</u>		(planned service).
Lemonweir Valley		See above	
Telephone CH			
Evidence 1	<u>502111</u>		

Regards,

From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:15 PM
То:	john.vanooyen@mhtcinc.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

John,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
		Evidence documents 2 and 3	Please revise and
		below not included in column J	reupload to have
Mount Horeb		for any location challenges.	evidence
Telephone Company			documents 2 and 3
Challenge Data	<u>502123</u>		considered

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From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:15 PM
То:	tim.kusilek@nextgen-broadband.net
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Tim,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completeness. We are contacting you because we found the items below to be missing information or incomplete.

Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
		map has no legend or	Enforceable funding
		additional context;	commitment evidence
		and not tied to any	requires source of funds
		project scope	and an executed
		documents.	agreement or clear
NextGen			government
Communications_Emerald			commitment. See page 19
Build Out_Evidnece 3	<u>501517</u>		of instructions.
		map has no legend or	Enforceable funding
		additional context;	commitment evidence
		and not tied to any	requires source of funds
		project scope	and an executed
		documents.	agreement or clear
NextGen			government
Communications_Enforceable			commitment. See page 19
Commitment evidence 1	<u>501518</u>		of instructions.
		map has no legend or	Enforceable funding
		additional context;	commitment evidence
		and not tied to any	requires source of funds
		project scope	and an executed
		documents.	agreement or clear
NextGen			government
Communications_Enforceable			commitment. See page 19
Commitment evidence 2	<u>501519</u>		of instructions.

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From:	PSC BEAD Challenge <pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov></pscbeadchallenge@wisconsin.gov>
Sent:	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 12:15 PM
То:	austin.krueger@tdstelecom.com
Subject:	WI BEAD Challenge preliminary review

Austin,

Thank you for participating in Wisconsin's BEAD Challenge Process. The Broadband Office has received your challenge submission and has completed the preliminary review for completion.

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Document	ERF Link	Error	Notes
TDS Telecom		Availability challenge to report	See FAQ #13
Challenge Data	<u>500360</u>	new service not allowed	
TDS Telecom CH		See above	
Evidence1	<u>500361</u>		

Regards,