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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

220 ILCS 5/13-517
220 ILCS 5/21-201
220 ILCS 5/21-1101
220 ILCS 80/10

Amends the Public Utilities Act. Provides that every telecommunications carrier with more than 10,000 customers and every Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (rather than every Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier) shall offer or provide advanced telecommunications services to not less than 90% of its customers by December 31, 2023 (rather than 80% of its customers by January 1, 2005). Removes provisions authorizing the Illinois Commerce Commission to grant a full or partial waiver of specified requirements. Provides that if the holder of a State-issued authorization is using telecommunications facilities to provide cable or video service and has more than 1,000,000 telecommunications access lines in this State, the holder shall provide access to its cable or video service to a number of households equal to at least 90% (rather than 35%) of the households in the holder's telecommunications service area in the State by December 31, 2023 (rather than within 3 years after the date a holder receives a State-issued authorization from the Commission). Provides that the holder of a State-issued authorization shall provide wireline broadband service capable of supporting, in at least one direction, a speed in excess of 1,000 megabits per second (rather than 200 kilobits per second), to the network demarcation point at the subscriber's premises, to a number of households equal to 90% of the households in the holder's telecommunications service area by December 31, 2023 (rather than December 31, 2008). Removes provisions concerning investigations into or complaint alleging that the holder of a State-issued authorization has failed to meet specified requirements. Makes changes to definitions. Amends the Broadband Advisory Council Act to make conforming changes.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Public Utilities Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 13-517, 21-201, and 21-1101 as follows:

6 (220 ILCS 5/13-517)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2026)

8 Sec. 13-517. Provision of advanced telecommunications
9 services.

10 (a) Every telecommunications carrier with more than 10,000
11 customers and every ~~Every~~ Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
12 (telecommunications carrier that offers or provides a
13 noncompetitive telecommunications service) shall offer or
14 provide advanced telecommunications services to not less than
15 90% ~~80%~~ of its customers by December 31, 2023 ~~January 1, 2005~~.

16 (b) (Blank). ~~The Commission is authorized to grant a full~~
17 ~~or partial waiver of the requirements of this Section upon~~
18 ~~verified petition of any Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier~~
19 ~~("ILEC") which demonstrates that full compliance with the~~
20 ~~requirements of this Section would be unduly economically~~
21 ~~burdensome or technically infeasible or otherwise impractical~~
22 ~~in exchanges with low population density. Notice of any such~~
23 ~~petition must be given to all potentially affected customers.~~

1 ~~If no potentially affected customer requests the opportunity~~
2 ~~for a hearing on the waiver petition, the Commission may, in~~
3 ~~its discretion, allow the waiver request to take effect~~
4 ~~without hearing. The Commission shall grant such petition to~~
5 ~~the extent that, and for such duration as, the Commission~~
6 ~~determines that such waiver:~~

7 ~~(1) is necessary:~~

8 ~~(A) to avoid a significant adverse economic impact~~
9 ~~on users of telecommunications services generally;~~

10 ~~(B) to avoid imposing a requirement that is unduly~~
11 ~~economically burdensome;~~

12 ~~(C) to avoid imposing a requirement that is~~
13 ~~technically infeasible; or~~

14 ~~(D) to avoid imposing a requirement that is~~
15 ~~otherwise impractical to implement in exchanges with~~
16 ~~low population density; and~~

17 ~~(2) is consistent with the public interest,~~
18 ~~convenience, and necessity.~~

19 ~~The Commission shall act upon any petition filed under this~~
20 ~~subsection within 180 days after receiving such petition. The~~
21 ~~Commission may by rule establish standards for granting any~~
22 ~~waiver of the requirements of this Section. The Commission~~
23 ~~may, upon complaint or on its own motion, hold a hearing to~~
24 ~~reconsider its grant of a waiver in whole or in part. In the~~
25 ~~event that the Commission, following hearing, determines that~~
26 ~~the affected ILEC no longer meets the requirements of item (2)~~

1 ~~of this subsection, the Commission shall by order rescind such~~
2 ~~waiver, in whole or in part. In the event and to the degree the~~
3 ~~Commission rescinds such waiver, the Commission shall~~
4 ~~establish an implementation schedule for compliance with the~~
5 ~~requirements of this Section.~~

6 (c) As used in this Section, "advanced telecommunications
7 services" means services capable of supporting, in at least
8 one direction, a speed in excess of 1,000 megabits ~~200~~
9 ~~kilobits~~ per second (mbps) ~~(kpbs)~~ to the network demarcation
10 point at the subscriber's premises.

11 (Source: P.A. 100-20, eff. 7-1-17.)

12 (220 ILCS 5/21-201)

13 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2026)

14 Sec. 21-201. Definitions. As used in this Article:

15 (a) "Access" means that the cable or video provider is
16 capable of providing cable services or video services at the
17 household address using any technology, other than
18 direct-to-home satellite service, that provides 2-way
19 broadband Internet capability and video programming, content,
20 and functionality, regardless of whether any customer has
21 ordered service or whether the owner or landlord or other
22 responsible person has granted access to the household. If
23 more than one technology is used, the technologies shall
24 provide similar 2-way broadband Internet accessibility and
25 similar video programming.

1 (b) "Basic cable or video service" means any cable or
2 video service offering or tier that includes the
3 retransmission of local television broadcast signals.

4 (c) "Broadband service" means a high speed service
5 connection to the public Internet capable of supporting, in at
6 least one direction, a speed in excess of 1,000 megabits ~~200~~
7 ~~kilobits~~ per second (mbps) ~~(kpps)~~ to the network demarcation
8 point at the subscriber's premises.

9 (d) "Cable operator" means that term as defined in item
10 (5) of 47 U.S.C. 522.

11 (e) "Cable service" means that term as defined in item (6)
12 of 47 U.S.C. 522.

13 (f) "Cable system" means that term as defined in item (7)
14 of 47 U.S.C. 522.

15 (g) "Commission" means the Illinois Commerce Commission.

16 (h) "Competitive cable service or video service provider"
17 means a person or entity that is providing or seeks to provide
18 cable service or video service in an area where there is at
19 least one incumbent cable operator.

20 (i) "Designated market area" means a designated market
21 area, as determined by Nielsen Media Research and published in
22 the 1999-2000 Nielsen Station Index Directory and Nielsen
23 Station Index United States Television Household Estimates or
24 any successor publication. For any designated market area that
25 crosses State lines, only households in the portion of the
26 designated market area that is located within the holder's

1 telecommunications service area in the State where access to
2 video service will be offered shall be considered.

3 (j) "Footprint" means the geographic area designated by
4 the cable service or video service provider as the geographic
5 area in which it will offer cable services or video services
6 during the period of its State-issued authorization. Each
7 footprint shall be identified in terms of either (i)
8 exchanges, as that term is defined in Section 13-206 of this
9 Act; (ii) a collection of United States Census Bureau Block
10 numbers (13 digit); (iii) if the area is smaller than the areas
11 identified in either (i) or (ii), by geographic information
12 system digital boundaries meeting or exceeding national map
13 accuracy standards; or (iv) local units of government.

14 (k) "Holder" means a person or entity that has received
15 authorization to offer or provide cable or video service from
16 the Commission pursuant to Section 21-401 of this Article.

17 (l) "Household" means a house, an apartment, a mobile
18 home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is intended for
19 occupancy as separate living quarters. Separate living
20 quarters are those in which the occupants live and eat
21 separately from any other persons in the building and that
22 have direct access from the outside of the building or through
23 a common hall. This definition is consistent with the United
24 States Census Bureau, as that definition may be amended
25 thereafter.

26 (m) "Incumbent cable operator" means a person or entity

1 that provided cable services or video services in a particular
2 area under a franchise agreement with a local unit of
3 government pursuant to Section 11-42-11 of the Illinois
4 Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-42-11) or Section 5-1095 of the
5 Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-1095) on January 1, 2007.

6 (n) "Local franchising authority" means the local unit of
7 government that has or requires a franchise with a cable
8 operator, a provider of cable services, or a provider of video
9 services to construct or operate a cable or video system or to
10 offer cable services or video services under Section 11-42-11
11 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-42-11) or Section
12 5-1095 of the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/5-1095).

13 (o) "Local unit of government" means a city, village,
14 incorporated town, or county.

15 (p) "Low-income household" means those residential
16 households located within the holder's existing telephone
17 service area where the average annual household income is less
18 than \$35,000, based on the United States Census Bureau
19 estimates adjusted annually to reflect rates of change and
20 distribution.

21 (q) "Public rights-of-way" means the areas on, below, or
22 above a public roadway, highway, street, public sidewalk,
23 alley, waterway, or utility easements dedicated for compatible
24 uses.

25 (r) "Service" means the provision of cable service or
26 video service to subscribers and the interaction of

1 subscribers with the person or entity that has received
2 authorization to offer or provide cable or video service from
3 the Commission pursuant to Section 21-401 of this Act.

4 (s) "Service provider fee" means the amount paid under
5 Section 21-801 of this Act by the holder to a municipality, or
6 in the case of an unincorporated service area to a county, for
7 service areas within its territorial jurisdiction, but under
8 no circumstances shall the service provider fee be paid to
9 more than one local unit of government for the same portion of
10 the holder's service area.

11 (t) "Telecommunications service area" means the area
12 designated by the Commission as the area in which a
13 telecommunications company was obligated to provide
14 non-competitive local telephone service as of February 8, 1996
15 as incorporated into Section 13-202.5 of this Act.

16 (u) "Video programming" means that term as defined in item
17 (20) of 47 U.S.C. 522.

18 (v) "Video service" means video programming and subscriber
19 interaction, if any, that is required for the selection or use
20 of such video programming services, and that is provided
21 through wireline facilities located at least in part in the
22 public rights-of-way without regard to delivery technology,
23 including Internet protocol technology. This definition does
24 not include any video programming provided by a commercial
25 mobile service provider defined in subsection (d) of 47 U.S.C.
26 332 or any video programming provided solely as part of, and

1 via, service that enables users to access content,
2 information, electronic mail, or other services offered over
3 the public Internet.

4 (Source: P.A. 100-20, eff. 7-1-17.)

5 (220 ILCS 5/21-1101)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on December 31, 2026)

7 Sec. 21-1101. Requirements to provide video services.

8 (a) The holder of a State-issued authorization shall not
9 deny access to cable service or video service to any potential
10 residential subscribers because of the race or income of the
11 residents in the local area in which the potential subscribers
12 reside.

13 (b) (Blank).

14 (c) (1) If the holder of a State-issued authorization is
15 using telecommunications facilities to provide cable or video
16 service and has more than 1,000,000 telecommunications access
17 lines in this State, the holder shall provide access to its
18 cable or video service to a number of households equal to at
19 least 90% ~~35%~~ of the households in the holder's
20 telecommunications service area in the State by December 31,
21 2023 ~~within 3 years after the date a holder receives a~~
22 ~~State-issued authorization from the Commission and to a number~~
23 ~~not less than 50% of these households within 5 years after the~~
24 ~~date a holder receives a State-issued authorization from the~~
25 ~~Commission; provided that the holder of a State issued~~

1 ~~authorization is not required to meet the 50% requirement in~~
2 ~~this paragraph (1) until 2 years after at least 15% of the~~
3 ~~households with access to the holder's video service subscribe~~
4 ~~to the service for 6 consecutive months.~~

5 The holder's obligation to provide such access in the
6 State shall be distributed, as the holder determines, within 3
7 designated market areas, one in each of the northeastern,
8 central, and southwestern portions of the holder's
9 telecommunications service area in the State. The designated
10 market area for the northeastern portion shall consist of 2
11 separate and distinct reporting areas: (i) a city with more
12 than 1,000,000 inhabitants, and (ii) all other local units of
13 government on a combined basis within such designated market
14 area in which it offers video service.

15 If any state, in which a holder subject to this subsection
16 (c) or one of its affiliates provides or seeks to provide cable
17 or video service, adopts a law permitting state-issued
18 authorization or statewide franchises to provide cable or
19 video service that requires a cable or video provider to offer
20 service to more than 35% of the households in the cable or
21 video provider's service area in that state within 3 years,
22 holders subject to this subsection (c) shall provide service
23 in this State to the same percentage of households within 3
24 years of adoption of such law in that state.

25 Furthermore, if any state, in which a holder subject to
26 this subsection (c) or one of its affiliates provides or seeks

1 to provide cable or video service, adopts a law requiring a
2 holder of a state-issued authorization or statewide franchises
3 to offer cable or video service to more than 35% of its
4 households if less than 15% of the households with access to
5 the holder's video service subscribe to the service for 6
6 consecutive months, then as a precondition to further
7 build-out, holders subject to this subsection (c) shall be
8 subject to the same percentage of service subscription in
9 meeting its obligation to provide service to 50% of the
10 households in this State.

11 (2) Within 3 years after the date a holder receives a
12 State-issued authorization from the Commission, at least 30%
13 of the total households with access to the holder's cable or
14 video service shall be low-income.

15 Within each designated market area listed in paragraph (1)
16 of this subsection (c), the holder's obligation to offer
17 service to low-income households shall be measured by each
18 exchange, as that term is defined in Section 13-206 of this Act
19 in which the holder chooses to provide cable or video service.
20 The holder is under no obligation to serve or provide access to
21 an entire exchange; however, in addition to the statewide
22 obligation to provide low-income access provided by this
23 Section, in each exchange in which the holder chooses to
24 provide cable or video service, the holder shall provide
25 access to a percentage of low-income households that is at
26 least equal to the percentage of the total low-income

1 households within that exchange.

2 (d) (1) All other holders shall only provide access to one
3 or more exchanges, as that term is defined in Section 13-206 of
4 this Act, or to local units of government and shall provide
5 access to their cable or video service to a number of
6 households equal to 35% of the households in the exchange or
7 local unit of government within 3 years after the date a holder
8 receives a State-issued authorization from the Commission and
9 to a number not less than 50% of these households within 5
10 years after the date a holder receives a State-issued
11 authorization from the Commission, provided that if the holder
12 is an incumbent cable operator or any successor-in-interest
13 company, it shall be obligated to provide access to cable or
14 video services within the jurisdiction of a local unit of
15 government at the same levels required by the local
16 franchising authorities for that local unit of government on
17 June 30, 2007 (the effective date of Public Act 95-9).

18 (2) Within 3 years after the date a holder receives a
19 State-issued authorization from the Commission, at least 30%
20 of the total households with access to the holder's cable or
21 video service shall be low-income.

22 Within each designated exchange, as that term is defined
23 in Section 13-206 of this Act, or local unit of government
24 listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d), the holder's
25 obligation to offer service to low-income households shall be
26 measured by each exchange or local unit of government in which

1 the holder chooses to provide cable or video service. Except
2 as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection (d), the
3 holder is under no obligation to serve or provide access to an
4 entire exchange or local unit of government; however, in
5 addition to the statewide obligation to provide low-income
6 access provided by this Section, in each exchange or local
7 unit of government in which the holder chooses to provide
8 cable or video service, the holder shall provide access to a
9 percentage of low-income households that is at least equal to
10 the percentage of the total low-income households within that
11 exchange or local unit of government.

12 (e) A holder subject to subsection (c) of this Section
13 shall provide wireline broadband service, defined as wireline
14 service, capable of supporting, in at least one direction, a
15 speed in excess of 1,000 megabits ~~200 kilobits~~ per second
16 (mbps) ~~(kpbs)~~, to the network demarcation point at the
17 subscriber's premises, to a number of households equal to 90%
18 of the households in the holder's telecommunications service
19 area by December 31, 2023 ~~2008~~, or shall pay within 30 days of
20 ~~December 31, 2008~~ a sum of \$15,000,000 to the Digital Divide
21 ~~Elimination Infrastructure Fund established pursuant to~~
22 ~~Section 13-301.3 of this Act, or any successor fund~~
23 ~~established by the General Assembly. In that event the holder~~
24 ~~is required to make a payment pursuant to this subsection (e),~~
25 ~~the holder shall have no further accounting for this payment,~~
26 ~~which shall be used in any part of the State for the purposes~~

1 ~~established in the Digital Divide Elimination Infrastructure~~
2 ~~Fund or for broadband deployment.~~

3 (f) The holder of a State-issued authorization may satisfy
4 the requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this Section
5 through the use of any technology, which shall not include
6 direct-to-home satellite service, that offers service,
7 functionality, and content that is demonstrably similar to
8 that provided through the holder's video service system.

9 (g) (Blank). ~~In any investigation into or complaint~~
10 ~~alleging that the holder of a State issued authorization has~~
11 ~~failed to meet the requirements of this Section, the following~~
12 ~~factors may be considered in justification or mitigation or as~~
13 ~~justification for an extension of time to meet the~~
14 ~~requirements of subsections (c) and (d) of this Section:~~

15 ~~(1) The inability to obtain access to public and~~
16 ~~private rights of way under reasonable terms and~~
17 ~~conditions.~~

18 ~~(2) Barriers to competition arising from existing~~
19 ~~exclusive service arrangements in developments or~~
20 ~~buildings.~~

21 ~~(3) The inability to access developments or buildings~~
22 ~~using reasonable technical solutions under commercially~~
23 ~~reasonable terms and conditions.~~

24 ~~(4) Natural disasters.~~

25 ~~(5) Other factors beyond the control of the holder.~~

26 (h) (Blank). ~~If the holder relies on the factors~~

1 ~~identified in subsection (g) of this Section in response to an~~
2 ~~investigation or complaint, the holder shall demonstrate the~~
3 ~~following:~~

4 ~~(1) what substantial effort the holder of a~~
5 ~~State issued authorization has taken to meet the~~
6 ~~requirements of subsection (a) or (c) of this Section;~~

7 ~~(2) which portions of subsection (g) of this Section~~
8 ~~apply; and~~

9 ~~(3) the number of days it has been delayed or the~~
10 ~~requirements it cannot perform as a consequence of~~
11 ~~subsection (g) of this Section.~~

12 (i) (Blank). ~~The factors in subsection (g) of this Section~~
13 ~~may be considered by the Attorney General or by a court of~~
14 ~~competent jurisdiction in determining whether the holder is in~~
15 ~~violation of this Article.~~

16 (j) Every holder of a State-issued authorization, no later
17 than April 1, 2009, and annually no later than April 1
18 thereafter, shall report to the Commission for each of the
19 service areas as described in subsections (c) and (d) of this
20 Section in which it provides access to its video service in the
21 State, the following information:

22 (1) Cable service and video service information:

23 (A) The number of households in the holder's
24 telecommunications service area within each designated
25 market area as described in subsection (c) of this
26 Section or exchange or local unit of government as

1 described in subsection (d) of this Section in which
2 it offers video service.

3 (B) The number of households in the holder's
4 telecommunications service area within each designated
5 market area as described in subsection (c) of this
6 Section or exchange or local unit of government as
7 described in subsection (d) of this Section that are
8 offered access to video service by the holder.

9 (C) The number of households in the holder's
10 telecommunications service area in the State.

11 (D) The number of households in the holder's
12 telecommunications service area in the State that are
13 offered access to video service by the holder.

14 (2) Low-income household information:

15 (A) The number of low-income households in the
16 holder's telecommunications service area within each
17 designated market area as described in subsection (c)
18 of this Section, as further identified in terms of
19 exchanges, or exchange or local unit of government as
20 described in subsection (d) of this Section in which
21 it offers video service.

22 (B) The number of low-income households in the
23 holder's telecommunications service area within each
24 designated market area as described in subsection (c)
25 of this Section, as further identified in terms of
26 exchanges, or exchange or local unit of government as

1 described in subsection (d) of this Section in the
2 State that are offered access to video service by the
3 holder.

4 (C) The number of low-income households in the
5 holder's telecommunications service area in the State.

6 (D) The number of low-income households in the
7 holder's telecommunications service area in the State
8 that are offered access to video service by the
9 holder.

10 (j-5) The requirements of subsection (c) of this Section
11 shall be satisfied upon the filing of an annual report with the
12 Commission in compliance with subsection (j) of this Section,
13 including an annual report filed prior to this amendatory Act
14 of the 98th General Assembly, that demonstrates the holder of
15 the authorization has satisfied the requirements of subsection
16 (c) of this Section for each of the service areas in which it
17 provides access to its cable service or video service in the
18 State. Notwithstanding the continued application of this
19 Article to the holder, upon satisfaction of the requirements
20 of subsection (c) of this Section, only the requirements of
21 subsection (a) of this Section 21-1101 of this Act and the
22 following reporting requirements shall continue to apply to
23 such holder:

24 (1) Cable service and video service information:

25 (A) The number of households in the holder's
26 telecommunications service area within each designated

1 market area in which it offers cable service or video
2 service.

3 (B) The number of households in the holder's
4 telecommunications service area within each designated
5 market area that are offered access to cable service
6 or video service by the holder.

7 (C) The number of households in the holder's
8 telecommunications service area in the State.

9 (D) The number of households in the holder's
10 telecommunications service area in the State that are
11 offered access to cable service or video service by
12 the holder.

13 (E) The exchanges or local units of government in
14 which the holder added cable service or video service
15 in the prior year.

16 (2) Low-income household information:

17 (A) The number of low-income households in the
18 holder's telecommunications service area within each
19 designated market area in which it offers video
20 service.

21 (B) The number of low-income households in the
22 holder's telecommunications service area within each
23 designated market area that are offered access to
24 video service by the holder.

25 (C) The number of low-income households in the
26 holder's telecommunications service area in the State.

1 (D) The number of low-income households in the
2 holder's telecommunications service area in the State
3 that are offered access to video service by the
4 holder.

5 (j-10) The requirements of subsection (d) of this Section
6 shall be satisfied upon the filing of an annual report with the
7 Commission in compliance with subsection (j) of this Section,
8 including an annual report filed prior to this amendatory Act
9 of the 98th General Assembly, that demonstrates the holder of
10 the authorization has satisfied the requirements of subsection
11 (d) of this Section for each of the service areas in which it
12 provides access to its cable service or video service in the
13 State. Notwithstanding the continued application of this
14 Article to the holder, upon satisfaction of the requirements
15 of subsection (d) of this Section, only the requirements of
16 subsection (a) of this Section and the following reporting
17 requirements shall continue to apply to such holder:

18 (1) Cable service and video service information:

19 (A) The number of households in the holder's
20 footprint in which it offers cable service or video
21 service.

22 (B) The number of households in the holder's
23 footprint that are offered access to cable service or
24 video service by the holder.

25 (C) The exchanges or local units of government in
26 which the holder added cable service or video service

1 in the prior year.

2 (2) Low-income household information:

3 (A) The number of low-income households in the
4 holder's footprint in which it offers cable service or
5 video service.

6 (B) The number of low-income households in the
7 holder's footprint that are offered access to cable
8 service or video service by the holder.

9 (k) The Commission, within 30 days of receiving the first
10 report from holders under this Section, and annually no later
11 than July 1 thereafter, shall submit to the General Assembly a
12 report that includes, based on year-end data, the information
13 submitted by holders pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of
14 subsections (j), (j-5), and (j-10) of this Section. The
15 Commission shall make this report available to any member of
16 the public or any local unit of government upon request. All
17 information submitted to the Commission and designated by
18 holders as confidential and proprietary shall be subject to
19 the disclosure provisions in subsection (c) of Section 21-401
20 of this Act. No individually identifiable customer information
21 shall be subject to public disclosure.

22 (Source: P.A. 100-20, eff. 7-1-17.)

23 Section 10. The Broadband Advisory Council Act is amended
24 by changing Section 10 as follows:

1 (220 ILCS 80/10)

2 Sec. 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

3 "Broadband" or "broadband service" means lines (or
4 wireless channels) that terminate at an end-user location and
5 enable the end-user to receive information from the Internet
6 at least 1,000 megabits per second (mbps) or send information
7 to the Internet.

8 "Council" means the Broadband Advisory Council.

9 "Downstream data rate" means the transmission speed from
10 the service provider source to the end-user.

11 "Internet protocol address" or "IP address" means a unique
12 string of numbers separated by periods that identifies each
13 computer using the Internet protocol to communicate over a
14 network.

15 "Low-income household" means a residential household with
16 annual household income at or below 135% of the poverty
17 guidelines updated periodically in the Federal Register by the
18 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the
19 authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2).

20 "Upstream data rate" means the transmission speed from the
21 end-user to the service provider source.

22 "Unserved area" means a community that has no access to
23 broadband service.

24 (Source: P.A. 100-833, eff. 1-1-19.)