Georgia Broadband Program

2021 Petition Webinar
Agenda

- Petitioner Qualifications
- The Petition Process and Timeframe
- GBDI Petition Portal
- Submitting a Petition
Welcome

- GBDI Team Members:
  - DCA:
    - Deana Perry, Executive Director
    - Jason Sell
    - Brittney Hickom
  - GTA:
    - Bill Price, Senior Analyst
  - CVIOG:
    - Eric McRae, Associate Director
  - CTC Engineering:
    - Andrew Afflerbach, CEO
GBDI Petition Portal

The petition process opens June 21\textsuperscript{st} and closes August 4\textsuperscript{th}

Petition

The petition process allows eligible entities to submit a petition that broadband service should be designated differently than what is shown on the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) 2021 Georgia Broadband Availability Map.

Starting June 21, 2021, the Georgia Broadband Program will accept petitions from eligible organizations to petition changes to the Georgia Broadband Availability Map. The petition process opens June 21, 2021, and closes on August 4, 2021. Upon receipt of a petition, DCA will render a determination about whether the petition will be granted.

Please start the petition process as soon as possible to allow the maximum amount of time to assemble the required documentation.

The Petition Window is open from June 21, 2021 to August 4, 2021 (45 days)

Eligible Petitioners

Per Georgia Code (O.C.G.A. 50-40-22), eligible petitioners include:
- Local governments providing broadband services
- Broadband service providers
- Entities providing broadband services that are authorized to apply for a certificate of authority pursuant to O.C.G.A. 45-5-163

Visit our website to register and click REGISTER HERE to begin
GBDI Petition Registration

Complete the application form in its entirety

Create new Petitioner account

- Email *
  
  A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by email.

- Confirm e-mail address *
  
  Please re-type your e-mail address to confirm it is accurate

- Petitioner Information
  
  - Type of Internet Service Provider *
    
    ○ Private Provider
    
    ○ Local Government Providing Service

  - Organization *

  - Supervisor *

  - Petition Info *

- Create new account

You will be asked to indicate the counties that are affected by your petition
GBDI Petition Registration

Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email. Please allow up to 5 business days for review and approval.

Thank you for registering at Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative. Your application for a petition account is currently pending approval. Once it has been approved, you will receive another email containing information about how to log in, set your password, and other details.

— Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative team

Once approved, you will receive an email with instructions on how to create an account. Follow the link to create an account and set your password.

Your petition account at Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative has been activated.

You may now log in by clicking this link or copying and pasting it into your browser:

https://dev-itos-dca-broadband.pantheonsite.io/user/reset/119/1593544413/LXYd7dy3YOQOMT7NOXGBnTa6xGcaTfEN2SJ86k9mMqY

This link can only be used once to log in and will lead you to a page where you can set your password.

After setting your password, you will be able to log in at https://dev-itos-dca-broadband.pantheonsite.io/user in the future using:

username: mwilbur
password: Your password

— Georgia Broadband Deployment Initiative team
GBDI Petition Registration

Once approved, you may create an account to begin the petition process

You have just used your one-time login link. It is no longer necessary to use this link to log in. Please change your password.

Email *

A valid email address. All emails from the system will be sent to this address. The email address is not made public and will only be used if you wish to receive a new password or wish to receive certain news or notifications by email.

Password

Password strength: Strong
Confirm password

Passwords match: yes
To change the current user password, enter the new password in both fields.

Save
GBDI Petition Registration

Once you’ve created an account, you can access your Petition Dashboard

Member for 1 year 2 months

Welcome Petitioner

Thank you for becoming a Petitioner with GBDI. If you would like to start the petition process or check the status of your Petition, please visit your Petition Dashboard. Please keep in mind that the Petition process will only stay open until 08/04/2021. If you have any questions about the process you may contact petition@dca.ga.gov.

My Petition Dashboard
GBDI Petition Registration

Once you’ve accessed the petition dashboard, download and complete the CSV template

My Petition

The following **Petition Registration** steps must be completed within the 45-day Petition Registration window (June 21, 2021 to August 4, 2021):

1. Registration and qualification approval to petition the Georgia Broadband Map
2. Submission of the Georgia Broadband Map Location Data Template listing all census blocks that you wish to be changed.
   - Note: Petitioners may only submit one petition per year; thus, all census blocks requested to be changed should be submitted on one application

**Download CSV Template**

After completing the CSV Template, please submit it at the following link:

**Upload Petition Data**

Upon completion and upload of the Georgia Broadband Map Location Data Template, your location data will be reviewed, and you will receive a request for documents and artifacts required to support your petition to change these locations. These documents and artifacts must be received within 45-days of their request.

Once you’ve completed the standard template and assembled all required documentation, upload your documents via the Petition Dashboard
Two petition scenarios

Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served

Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved
Petition Process:
Scenario 1
Proving an area classified as unserved is served
Petition process for Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served

- Petitioner responds to questions in template
- GIS/KMZ map required
- Field photos required as evidence
- Speed tests required from at least two locations
Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served – sample data in Excel template

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Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served – map request

- GIS shapefile, KMZ or KML map of that includes the census block and the entire cable route from the census block to the central office/wire center or hub facility
- Include:
  - Census block boundary
  - Central office or hub facility
  - Physical medium of the cable
  - DSLAMs, remote terminals, OLTs or nodes along the route
- Within the census block include:
  - All locations you serve
  - All locations you do not serve but are capable of serving within 10 days of a request
  - All cable routes
  - Tap locations
Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served – geolocated photographs

- Geolocated photographs in JPG format with Exif data included
- Ten drop installations and/or service taps in the census block that are evenly distributed
  - If aerial, a photo of the drop or tap on the pole with an arrow identifying it, and include all the communications attachments on the pole in the photo
  - If underground, provide a photo of the tap with the pedestal cover or vault cover removed
- If DSL, the DSLAM or remote terminal electronics serving the locations in the census block
- If hybrid fiber-coaxial, the node serving the locations in the census block
- If fiber-to-the-premises, the OLT serving the locations in the census block
Scenario 1: Proving an area classified as unserved is served – speed test data from customer premises

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<td>(3) Provider-developed self-testing configuration using TR-143 standard</td>
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<td>Date:</td>
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<td>Downstream (Mbps):</td>
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Scenario 1: Process flowchart

START

DCA provides submittal for census block and petitioner

Contains complete template, photos, map, speed test? YES

Review template

Fits "served" criteria? YES

Review map

Fits "served" criteria? YES

Review photos

Fits "served" criteria? YES

Review speed tests

Fits "served" criteria? YES

Send positive recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Send positive recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Fits "served" criteria? NO

Review photos

NO

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Fits "served" criteria? NO

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Fits "served" criteria? NO

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

Fits "served" criteria? NO

Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director

End

Incomplete notice sent to petitioner

Fits served criteria?

Petitioner must resubmit in time

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Petition Process: Scenario 2
Proving an area classified as served is unserved
Two categories of Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved

Category A

• Petitioner incorrectly identified a census block as served; wants to correct the error

Category B

• Petitioner does not serve the census block but has knowledge of an area and strongly believes it is not served
Petition process for Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – correcting a mistake

Relatively trivial requirement

Petitioner identified in map can correct the claim

Redesignation also depends on whether another provider serves the area
Petition process for Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – challenging the map

- More challenging process
- Petitioner must provide information for DCA to evaluate
- DCA contacts providers that claim to serve census block
- Provider might agree to redesignation
- DCA may identify census block as disputed – conduct additional analysis
- DCA may later conduct an on-site inspection
Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – evidence required

Data in Excel template

GIS shapefile, KMZ, or KML map
Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – correcting a mistake

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<td>Did your firm previously state that it served this census block?</td>
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<td>Does your firm wish to correct the map and have the block designated as unserved?</td>
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Thank you for notifying us!
Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – challenging the map

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<tr>
<td>Do you believe there is broadband service in any part of the census block?</td>
<td>Y</td>
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For each provider you believe serves this census block, please complete the questions in one of the tabs below.
Scenario 2: Proving an area classified as served is unserved – challenging the map

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<td>Number of locations in block:</td>
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- Census block boundary
- Central office or hub facility
- Physical medium of the cable from the central office or hub to the census block, identifying if and where it transitions from fiber to copper or coaxial
- DSLAMs or remote terminals along the route
- Within the census block include and identify the following:
  - All locations provider serves
  - All locations provider does not serve but is capable of serving within 10 days of a request
  - All cable routes
    - Identifying physical medium and if and when it transitions from fiber to copper or coaxial
    - Identifying whether aerial or underground
    - If DSL, identifying gauge of wire
Scenario 2: Process flowchart

1. **START**
   - DCA provides submittal for census block and petitioner

2. **Did petitioner previously claim it served block?**
   - **YES**: Send recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director to change to unserved
   - **NO**: Review template

3. **Review template**
   - **Is petitioner claiming there is no broadband at all?**
     - **YES**: Send notice to DCA Broadband Executive Director indicating claim by petitioner
     - **NO**: Review template

4. **Review template**
   - **Fit unserved criteria?**
     - **YES**: Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director
     - **NO**: Send negative recommendation to DCA Broadband Executive Director indicating claim by petitioner

5. **END**
   - **END**
   - **END**
   - **END**
   - **END**
Official Signature

By authorized person at Petitioner

Stating information is true to best of knowledge
GBDI Petition Submission

All petition artifacts must be received no later than August 4, 2021

Create Petition

Please upload your supporting documents and artifacts for your approved map location data, using the upload dashboard below. Please note that you are responsible for making sure all requested information has been submitted. If the requested information is not received by August 4, 2021 then the petition process will be closed without change.

Petition Evidence

File information

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Unlimited number of files can be uploaded to this field.
100 MB limit.
Allowed types: doc docx xls xlsx ppt pptx txt rtf zip pdf csv.

You can monitor the status of your petition anytime
GBDI Petition Registration

DCA will render a decision on the status of your petition within 75 days of your submission.
Contact Us

- Please stay on mute during the presentation
- If you have a question, please leave it in the chat section of the webinar
- If you have any questions or concerns not addressed during the presentation, you may also contact us at petition@dca.ga.gov