WHEREAS, the Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission (hereafter “Commission”) was established and created within the executive department, Office of the Governor through Executive Order Number JBE 19-15 on August 29, 2019;

WHEREAS, the Commission has been tasked with serving as the lead facilitator to collaborate with all sectors to successfully execute the statewide broadband plan while embracing all communities to encourage broadband adoption and availability;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number JBE 19-20, issued on December 3, 2019, amended Executive Order Number JBE 19-15;

WHEREAS, Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, amended Executive Order Number JBE 19-20; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 1 of the Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, is hereby amended as follows:

The Broadband for Everyone in Louisiana Commission is hereby created within the governor’s office and shall consist of twenty-six members, including fourteen ex-officio members and twelve members appointed by the governor.

SECTION 2: Section 3 of the Executive Order Number JBE 2020-6, issued on March 2, 2020, is hereby amended as follows:

There shall be twenty-six (26) members of the Commission. Twelve members shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governor. Of these twelve members, two shall be at-large business executive members selected at the Governor’s discretion, one member shall be the Governor’s Director of Rural Revitalization, and one member shall be selected from each of the following:

A. The Public Service Commission;
B. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Municipal Association;
C. A list of three nominees submitted by the Louisiana Police Jury Association;
D. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by electric utility companies doing business within the state;
E. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Internet and Television Association (LCTA);
F. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Louisiana Telecommunications Association (LTA); and
G. A list of three private sector individuals submitted by the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA); and
H. A list of three nominees submitted by the Association of Louisiana Electric Cooperatives (ALEC).
I. A representative of labor nominated by the AFL-CIO.

The following 14 members shall serve as ex-officio members:

A. The president of the Louisiana State Senate, or his designee.
B. The speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives, or his designee.
C. The chairman of the Louisiana Rural Caucus, or his designee.
D. The commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, or his designee.
E. The secretary of state, or his designee.
F. The commissioner of administration, or his designee.
G. The director of the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, or his designee.
H. The secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, or his designee.
I. The superintendent of the Department of Education, or his designee.
J. The commissioner of higher education, or her designee.
K. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, or her designee.
L. The secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission, or her designee.
M. The secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, or his designee.
N. The governor’s designee to the Delta Regional Authority.

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of April, 2022.

GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
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