


AMENDMENT NO. / Calendar No.

Purpose: To streamline the processes for broadband facility location applications on Federal property.

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To provide opportunities for broadband investment, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. HELLER

Viz:

1 In section 7, add at the end the following:

2 (c) STREAMLINING BROADBAND FACILITY APPLICA-
3 TIONS.—

4 (1) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, the term
5 “communications facility installation” has the mean-
6 ing given the term in section 6409(d) of the Middle
7 Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (47
8 U.S.C. 1455(d)), as amended by subsection (a).

9 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, the
12 NTIA, in coordination with the Department of

1 the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, the
2 Department of Defense, the Department of
3 Transportation, the Office of Management and
4 Budget, and the General Services Administra-
5 tion, shall develop recommendations to stream-
6 line the process for considering applications by
7 those agencies under section 6409(b) of the
8 Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act
9 of 2012 (47 U.S.C. 1455(b)), as amended by
10 subsection (a).

11 (B) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOMMENDA-
12 TIONS.—The recommendations developed under
13 subparagraph (A) shall include—

14 (i) procedures for the tracking of ap-
15 plications described in subparagraph (A);

16 (ii) methods by which to reduce the
17 amount of time between the receipt of an
18 application and the issuance of a final de-
19 cision on an application; and

20 (iii) policies to expedite renewals of an
21 easement, license, or other authorization to
22 locate a communications facility installa-
23 tion on land managed by the agencies de-
24 scribed in subparagraph (A).

1 (C) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later
2 than 2 years after the date on which the rec-
3 ommendations required under subparagraph
4 (A) are developed, the NTIA shall submit to the
5 Committee on Commerce, Transportation, and
6 Science of the Senate and the Committee on
7 Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
8 resentatives a report that describes—

9 (i) the status of the implementation of
10 the recommendations developed pursuant
11 to subparagraph (B); and

12 (ii) any improvements to the process
13 for considering applications described in
14 subparagraph (A) that have resulted from
15 those recommendations, including in par-
16 ticular the speed at which such applica-
17 tions are reviewed and a final determina-
18 tion is issued.