

## **DPUC Narrative re Recovery Act Funding & Reporting October 16, 2009**

### **Broadband Grant Application:**

#### **1. Authority for DPUC Grant Application**

On August 7, 2009, the Department of Public Utility Control (Department) opened Docket No. 09-08-04, DPUC Collection of State-Level Broadband Mapping Data, in accordance with a Executive Order 32-A, designating the Department as the grantee in the application of federal funding to develop a state-level broadband map.

#### **2. 2009 Application & Reporting Activities**

On August 13, 2009, the Department applied for a \$5 million grant under the Recovery Act to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an agency of the Department of Commerce, to develop a detailed geographic information system map showing levels of broadband service by connection speed and type of technology.

On October 5, 2009, the NTIA awarded funding to perform broadband mapping to four other states with the announcement that additional state awards were in the offing. The Department is expecting a funding award any day now. The Department has submitted (negative) reports through the CORE-CT network for September and October in compliance with the guidelines set forth by OPM and will continue to do so until it receives its award. At that time, the Department will report actual dollars and data relevant to the award.

The Department has registered with the [FederalReporting.gov](http://FederalReporting.gov) website to submit reports there once an award has been made. The Department has also drafted and posted a Data Quality Plan to its Recovery Information website page.

#### **3. Reporting Status**

The Department has not received a grant yet and therefore, has had no grant related activities to report. However, it is the Department's intentions to make timely reports when it does receive an award, which follow the verification and validity measures outlined in its Data Quality Plan.

#### **4. Future Activities**

Once the Department receives an award, intends to work with other state agencies to produce a comprehensive map, integrated with demographic information, which would become a resource to all state agencies, including and especially those agencies that have educational goals in their mission and mandates.<sup>1</sup>

### **State Regulatory Assistance Grant Application:**

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<sup>1</sup> Other agencies include DOIT, OPM, OSET, Siting Council, and OCC at a minimum.

## 1. Application & Reporting

On August 31, 2009, the Department filed the application for the ARRA State Regulatory Assistance grant in the amount of \$839,241. This program will assist the Department in managing a potentially significant increase in regulatory activity resulting from areas stimulated by ARRA including energy efficiency, renewable energy, smart grid, demand response, energy storage, plug-in electric vehicles and transmission. The grant would allow the Department to create two new full time durational positions and provide training for both these and existing staff.

The Department has submitted the monthly CORE-CT reports, but has thus far not been required to file reports with the federal government due to the fact that no official award has been issued.