



# Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

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## The PSC has released a Draft Broadband Investment Plan for Region 7 *Now Accepting Public Comments*



MADISON- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin appointed thirteen community leaders from the area to the Broadband Planning Team representing Southwest Wisconsin. The Broadband Planning Team consists of members from Crawford, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties. After considerable preliminary work, and numerous meetings, the Team has drafted a preliminary plan and seeks public comments.

The “Region 7 Broadband Planning Team” has been meeting regularly since last fall to create an action plan to address gaps in broadband availability and improve the adoption of available broadband services. The Region 7 Broadband Planning Team explored a number of proposals and options. The draft plan is designed to facilitate regional collaboration to identify and pursue priority broadband projects, beginning with awareness and skill training for seniors.

The Team seeks public review and input on the current draft plan. The plan is available on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/3mn6jb2>. For those who may not presently have Internet access, the plan can be reviewed by accessing the Internet at local libraries and other public locations throughout the region.



**How to Comment:** You can comment on the website, using the “Comment” button, or at <http://tinyurl.com/425mcfq>. You may also direct your comments to Judy Klug at the PSC, via email [judy.klug@wisconsin.gov](mailto:judy.klug@wisconsin.gov) or via phone at [\(608\) 267-1204](tel:6082671204).

For more information on team members and the process to date see our website at: <http://tinyurl.com/4yn3xtq>. This planning effort is part of the PSC’s larger LinkWISCONSIN initiative, which includes mapping of broadband availability, under a federal stimulus grant. The broadband map is available at: <http://wi.linkamericadata.org/>. Plans for other regions of the state will be available in the near future, and can be reviewed at <http://tinyurl.com/3t6l7hr>.

Questions on the draft plan can be addressed to April Fuhr, Executive Director, BEST Wisconsin, at 608-778-7998. Questions on broadband mapping or the regional broadband planning process can be addressed to either Judy Klug with the PSC (contact info above) or Bill Gillis with LinkWISCONSIN. Bill Gillis can be reached via phone at (509) 432-4342 or e-mail at [bill.gillis@gmail.com](mailto:bill.gillis@gmail.com).

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