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The PSC has released a Draft Broadband Investment Plan for Region 9 *Now Accepting Public Comments*



MADISON - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin appointed twelve community leaders from the area to the Region 9 Broadband Planning Team representing Southeast Wisconsin. The Team consists of members from Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha Counties. After considerable preliminary work, and numerous meetings, the Team has drafted a preliminary plan and seeks public comments.

The “Region 9 Broadband Planning Team” has been meeting regularly since last winter to create an action plan to address gaps in broadband availability and improve the adoption of available broadband services. The Team explored a number of proposals and options. The draft plan calls for community institutions, such as libraries, to provide broadband access and computer-literacy training for underserved groups, including rural residents, people with disabilities and low income groups. A key goal is to identify gaps in broadband coverage.

The Team seeks public review and input on the current draft plan. The plan and one page summary are available on-line at: www.link.wisconsin.gov. 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 may comment on the plan by going to <http://www.wisconsindashboard.org/node/350>, then click on “Comment”. You may also direct your comments to Peter Jahn at the PSC, via email peter.jahn@wisconsin.gov or via phone at (608) 267-2338.

For more information on Region 9 team members and the process to date see our website at: <http://www.link.wisconsin.gov/lwi/default.aspx?page=51>. 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 can be reviewed at <http://www.link.wisconsin.gov>.

Questions on the draft plan can be addressed to Paul Onufrak, Technology Manager, Eastern Shores Library at 920-208-4900x311. Questions on broadband mapping or the regional broadband planning process can be addressed either to Peter Jahn with the PSC (peter.jahn@wisconsin.gov, (608) 267-2338) or Bill Gillis with LinkWISCONSIN (bill.gillis@gmail.com, (509) 432-4243).

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