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RE: Splice Loss Exceptions Request Requirements

As part of the ADECA Middle Mile grant program, all recipients are required to meet specific splice loss requirements as outlined in the program requirements. In certain circumstances, recipients may encounter unforeseen challenges that prevent them from meeting these requirements. In such cases, recipients may submit a formal request for an exception, to be reviewed by ADECA.

In order to request an exception, recipients must provide detailed documentation and justification supporting their request. The following information must be included in the formal request for an exception:

1. Description of the splice loss requirement(s) that cannot be met, and identification of the affected spans.
 - a. Clearly identify the specific splice loss requirement from the program requirements that cannot be met.
 - b. A list of affected fibers which includes:
 - i. The spans that do not meet the requirements
 - ii. The individual fibers in each span that do not meet the requirements
 - iii. The recorded splice loss for each non-compliant event on each affected fiber
2. Reason for Non-Compliance
 - a. Provide a detailed explanation of the circumstances preventing compliance with the splice loss requirements.
 - b. Include any relevant challenges to meeting the splice loss requirements, such as technical limitations, unforeseen environmental factors, other limiting factors, and steps taken to remedy the issue.
3. Proposed Alternative Solutions
 - a. Describe any methods, technologies, or approaches that will be used to address the shortfall.

- b. Demonstrate how the proposed solution will meet the overall program goals, even if the specific requirement cannot be met.
- 4. Impact
 - a. Provide a detailed explanation of how the exception request will impact the overall project timeline, budget, performance, or other aspects of the project.
- 5. Supporting Evidence
 - a. Attach any relevant supporting documentation for the exception request.

All exception requests must be submitted in writing to ADECA at broadband.fund@adeca.alabama.gov. Please ensure that all required information and supporting documentation are included with your request to avoid delays in processing.

The review process for exception requests will be conducted on a case-by-case basis. Decisions will be based on the merit of the request, justification provided, and the overall impact on the project's success.