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Department Notice

The Department of Telecommunications and Cable has received several inquiries about mobile broadband infrastructure deployment on publicly owned property. The Department offers the following questions for stakeholders' consideration.

What is the proposed installation?

- Is the proposed installation a new pole specifically for small cell use?
 - Will other utilities or wireless carriers be able to attach to the new pole?
- Is the proposed installation new equipment on an existing utility pole?
 - If so, has the utility authorized the new attachment?
- Can the new equipment be placed on some other structure (street light pole, traffic light pole, municipally-owned building or other structure)?
- Is the proposed installation in the right-of-way?
- How big is the proposed installation (height, width, weight)?

What type of accessory equipment will be needed?

- How will this infrastructure be powered? Will generators or back-up power be required?
- Will this infrastructure require a physical connection to backhaul?
- How much space will this accessory equipment occupy?

What costs does the installation involve?

- What are the costs of managing the right-of-way?
- What are the costs of filing and reviewing an application?

Other considerations

- What review timeframe(s) (i.e., "shot clocks") apply to the installation application?
- Who benefits from the installation?
- Do any zoning ordinances apply to the installation?
- Are there current or planned utility undergrounding requirements?