

Broadband Permitting Data

A RULIS Job Aid

Roles Impacted

Utility Consultant
Utility Owner
District Permit
Coordinator

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Introduction

The purpose of this RULIS job aid is to outline key information that is now required for broadband providers to include in their Communication permit applications. As broadband infrastructure expands across rural and underserved areas, accurate and comprehensive permit data is essential for streamlining deployment, ensuring regulatory compliance, and supporting strategic planning.

By following the procedures outlined in this document, utility owners and utility consultants will contribute to a more robust dataset within RULIS, enabling better coordination among stakeholders and more effective oversight of broadband efforts across the state of Texas.

Process Overview

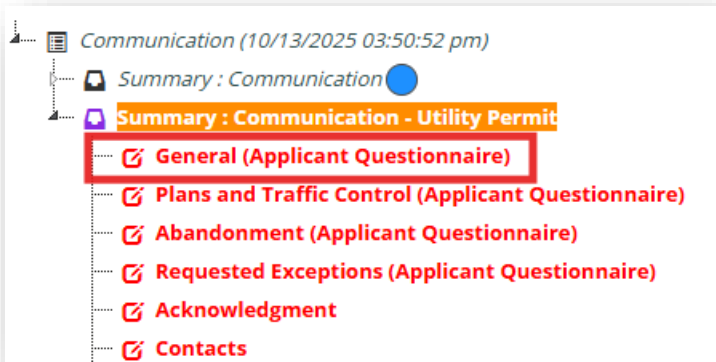
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Broadband Provider Supplemental Questions

After completing the design phase, the applicant will be routed to the utility permit application (/UP workflow). The first section to complete is the General Applicant Questionnaire, where broadband providers will see supplemental questions on Communication permit applications. Each question and possible responses are outlined below.

1. To open the General Applicant Questionnaire, double click on the red node labeled **General (Applicant Questionnaire)** or use the wizard to complete required nodes by selecting the green **Click Here to Fill in the Data** button.



2. If the utility permit application submission type of Communication or Emergency Communication, you will see an additional question on the General (Applicant Questionnaire): **Are you a Broadband provider?** Response options are **yes** or **no**.



- a. If you select **no**, you will move on to question 4.
- b. If you select **yes**, three additional required questions will display.

Click on the  icon to view the definition of Broadband provider:

A broadband provider is defined as an entity that installs and operates infrastructure to deliver broadband services. The term broadband commonly refers to high-speed Internet access that is always on and faster than traditional dial-up access. Broadband includes several high-speed transmission technologies, such as fiber, wireless, satellite, digital subscriber line and cable. The current definition of “high-speed” is determined by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Broadband providers must comply with the Broadband Accommodation Process (BAP) when accessing TxDOT right-of-way, which includes submitting permit applications that detail installation plans and shared infrastructure.



3. The first required supplemental question for Broadband providers is: **Is this a new installation of an upgrade to existing broadband infrastructure facilities?** Response options are **New Installation** or **Upgrade**.

Is this a new installation or an upgrade to existing broadband infrastructure facilities? ☐ New Installation ☐ Upgrade

4. The second required supplemental question for Broadband providers is: **As part of your project, are you installing wireless broadband infrastructure?** Response options are **yes** or **no**.

As part of your project, are you installing wireless broadband infrastructure? ☐ yes ☐ no

5. The third required supplemental question for Broadband providers is: **Is your project grant funded?**

Is your project grant funded? ☐ yes ☐ no

- a. If you select **no**, you will move on to question 4.
- b. If you select **yes**, you will be required to provide additional information. There is a single-select **Majority Funding Type** with the following options: **State**, **Federal**, **Local**, **Other**.
 - i. There is an open text box to give a description that is **required** if **Other** was selected as the **Majority Funding Type**.

Is your project grant funded? ☒ yes ☐ no

Select Majority Funding Type:

Please give a description (Required if 'Other'):

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Select...

State

Federal

Local

Other



6. After completing all remaining required fields and submitting your communication permit application, TxDOT staff will be able to view and utilize the broadband data provided on the application.