## **VPS Consulting Memo**

# RDOF Performance Testing Dates Announced

## **Summary**

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) performance testing start date is January 1, 2025. Additional information is available in the <a href="Public Notice">Public Notice</a>.

#### **Performance Testing Dates**

The FCC adopted a uniform framework of performance measures requirements in the <u>Performance Measures Orders</u>, back in December 2020. This requires recipients of high-cost universal service support to test their broadband networks for compliance with the appropriate speed and latency metrics, report, and certify the results. This announcement identified the start dates for RDOF, Bringing Together Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2, and the Connect USVI Fund Stage 2 funds.

### **Specific Fund Pre-Test and Test Dates**

The FCC announced performance testing dates for three funds, as listed below:

Fund	Pre-Test	Test
<b>Bringing Together Puerto Rico Fund Stage 2</b>	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025
Connect USVI Fund Stage 2	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025
RDOF	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026

#### **Other Details**

The FCC implemented a one-year pre-testing period to allow carriers to become familiar with the processes. During this period, if carriers conduct the pre-testing and submit the results, there will not be a reduction in support should the speed and latency not be met. If carriers fail to conduct pre-testing and submit the results on time, they will have five percent of their monthly support payments withheld until they come into compliance.

#### **Immediate Action Recommended**

Vantage Point recommends reviewing your testing processes and determining appropriate equipment and processes to put in place.

## **Additional Information**

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