



## ESVBA Dark Fiber Policy

### Policy Purpose

This policy details the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority's (ESVBA) maximum allowable usage, reservation and routes available for delivery of Dark Fiber Leases. The objective is to provide a planned approach to the availability of Dark Fibers to operators and consumers requiring Dark Fiber pathways between the ESVBA's Southern and Northern points.

### Policy Scope

This policy covers any new requests for Dark Fiber pairs within the ESVBA footprint as well as the availability of collocation along the path.

### Policy Description

The following items provide detailed requirements of this policy:

- The ESVBA will make fiber pairs available for terms of 10 or 20 years under an Indefeasible right of use (IRU). The ESVBA will require an up-front fee for the setup of the pairs as well as a monthly maintenance fee to maintain, repair, and support the fiber infrastructure.
- The ESVBA will provide the fibers from its fiber demarcation point on Pleasure House Road in Virginia Beach to its fiber demarcation point at the Maryland Broadband Mill Dam Hut.
- The ESVBA will not allow any third-party connectivity along the provided path.
- The ESVBA will provide collocation leases for regeneration and amplification points on the route. These points are strictly to be used for regeneration & amplification.
- The ESVBA will reserve 14 fiber strands (7-pairs of fibers) to be allocated out of its capacity to be made available for IRU's.
- At no time will additional IRU's be sold that will bring the total utilization of the ESVBA's fiber assets on the path beyond 80% of the capacity.
- This Policy is intended to set parameters for ESVBA in developing its network and safeguarding its ability to expand to serve the needs of the community, and creates no rights whatsoever in any third parties. This policy may be revoked or modified at any time by the ESVBA in its sole discretion.
- Each individual opportunity will be reviewed the ESVBA Board of Directors