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# Taraba State Investment Brief

## Fiber Optic Infrastructure Deployment – Reform Summary, Incentives & Guarantees

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### 1. Strategic Context

Taraba State recognizes the critical role of broadband infrastructure in enabling digital transformation, economic growth, and inclusive service delivery. In alignment with the **State Action on Business Enabling Reforms (SABER)** program and the **National Broadband Plan**, Taraba has undertaken key reforms to reduce barriers to fiber optic deployment and attract private investment.

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### 2. Reform Summary

Taraba State has successfully implemented the following reforms under **DLI 2** of the SABER program:

#### Right of Way (RoW) Fee Reform

- **Capped RoW fees at ₦145 per linear meter** for fiber optic cable deployment
- **Executive Order issued** to enforce the new fee structure statewide
- **ROW fee** to be waived or scrapped by end of 2025 vide Regulation to boost fiber optic deployment.

#### Transparency Measures

- **Published RoW fee schedule and application process** on the Taraba State Government website
- **Online portal launched** for RoW application tracking and approvals

- **Public disclosure** of approved RoW requests to enhance investor confidence
- **Institutional Coordination**
- Established a **Fiber Deployment Task Force** comprising:
  - Ministry of ICT
  - Taraba Geographic Information Service (TAGIS)
  - Ministry of Works
  - Taraba Investment Promotion Agency (TIPA)

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### 3. Investment Incentives

Taraba offers a suite of incentives to support telecom operators and infrastructure investors:

Incentive Type	Details
Tax Relief	3-year tax holiday for broadband infrastructure projects
Fast-Track Permitting	Row approvals processed within 10 working days
Access to Public Assets	Use of state roads, bridges, and ducts for cable laying
PPP Support	Open to co-investment and revenue-sharing models with private operators
Land Access Facilitation	Priority access to public land for base stations and fiber hubs

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### 4. Guarantees & Risk Mitigation

To ensure investor protection and operational stability, Taraba State provides:

- **Legal Guarantees:** All reforms backed by gazetted regulations and executive orders
  - **Grievance Redress Mechanism:** Dedicated helpdesk for resolving investor complaints within 7 days
  - **Investment Facilitation Desk:** Hosted by TIPA to coordinate inter-agency support
  - **Monitoring & Evaluation:** Quarterly performance reviews with NCC and NGF
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## 5. Investment Opportunity Snapshot

- **Target Fiber Expansion:** 20% increase in total deployed fiber kilometers by 2026
  - **Priority Corridors:** Jalingo–Wukari–Takum, Bali–Gembu, and Jalingo–Yorro–Zing
  - **Population Coverage Potential:** Over 2 million residents across underserved LGAs
  - **Anchor Projects:** Smart city pilot in Jalingo, e-learning hubs in tertiary institutions
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## 6. Next Steps


Taraba State invites telecom operators, infrastructure providers, and digital investors to:

- Engage in **bilateral investment discussions** during the NCC-NGF Roundtable
- Submit **Expressions of Interest (EOIs)** for corridor-specific fiber deployment
- Partner with the state on **PPP models** for long-term infrastructure sustainability

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