

SCRPS Status Update

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*Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

2025-01-03

Explanation of Effort and Availability of Commercial Equipment

*Provide an explanation of efforts undertaken, and challenges encountered, in permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of covered communications equipment or service.

Over the past months, we have been diligently communicating with vendors and partners to find an interim and permanent solution under the constraints of limited funding. These discussions have been productive, providing a clearer picture of how to phase our approach to the network upgrade in anticipation of full funding. The lack of full funding has complicated negotiations, and finding a vendor willing to proceed under uncertain payment terms has been challenging. While this issue has been an ongoing theme throughout the project, we will continue to have discussions with potential suppliers to overcome this challenge and find a way forward.

We have been actively engaging with local competitors and analyzing the business landscape in our region to understand the market dynamics better. We are finding that the persistent funding gap, combined with the proliferation of other broadband funding mechanisms, is gradually eroding the foundation of our company's future. As such, much of our ongoing efforts are aimed at reviewing potential business strategies that would simultaneously satisfy program requirements and market conditions in a way that could keep the company afloat.

Additionally, we have increased our lobbying efforts to advocate for fully funding the SCRP through proposed legislative measures. We are encouraged by recent developments in Congress, particularly the inclusion of this program's funding in the recently passed Defense Bill. If signed into law, this funding will be a pivotal milestone, enabling us to accelerate vendor engagements and move forward with the replacement and upgrade process without financial constraints.

Because of the obstacles encountered, we have requested a 6-month extension of time to complete the RRD requirements. That filing is currently pending.

*Explain whether you are finding commercially available equipment in the marketplace. If not, then explain efforts taken to obtain replacement equipment.

Equipment lead times are long, and vendors are increasingly difficult to engage considering the uncertainty surrounding the program funding, as well as the larger providers seeking the same vendor agreements with better terms.

* If there is additional information relevant to the preceding questions or that you believe the Commission should be aware of, please include the information below.

Program Compliance

*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) all requirements of the Reimbursement Program.

Yes No

*Indicate whether recipient has permanently removed from its communications network all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?

*Indicate whether recipient has replaced all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the replacement process, what estimated percentage of the replacement process have you completed?

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*Indicate whether recipient has disposed of all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.

Yes No

If recipient has not yet completed the disposal process, what estimated percentage of the disposal process have you completed?

*Indicate whether recipient has fully complied with (or is in the process of complying with) the timeline submitted by the recipient. If not, provide explanation for deviation.

Yes No

*The filer has indicated no to a question in this section, please provide additional information.

Velocity submitted a 6-month extension request to complete the program, as summarized above.

Certifications

*By checking the box and providing the electronic signature where indicated below, the Certifying Official on behalf of the filer certifies under penalty of perjury that:

(1) The Certifying Official is authorized to submit this status report on behalf of the above-named filer and, based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the information being submitted, the information set forth in this status report has been examined and is true, accurate, and complete, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award. The Certifying Official acknowledges that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information or statement, or the omission of any material fact on this status report or on any other document submitted by the filer may subject the filer and the undersigned to punishment by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act (47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), 1606), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. § 1001, §§ 286-287, and § 1343), or can lead to liability under the False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3733, and §§ 3801-3812). (2) The filer is in compliance with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program, including but not limited to allocations, draw downs, payments, obligations and expenditures of money, and the Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those statutes, rules, and orders may result in the denial of funding, cancellation of funding commitments, and/or recoupment of past disbursements. The Certifying Official acknowledges that the filer will maintain detailed records, including receipts, of all costs eligible for reimbursement actually incurred for a period of 10 years; and will file all required documentation for its expenses. The Certifying Official acknowledges that failure to comply with the statute, rules, and orders governing the Reimbursement Program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

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