

SCRPS Status Update

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*Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

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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.

Yes, my company has conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since submittal of the last form. We have removed and migrated all but 4 pieces of equipment at three sites.

No, my company has NOT conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. Blue Mountain has commenced preparation for disposal work, inventorying equipment in preparation to send to disposal vendor, which has now been engaged. Blue Mountain is continuing to work to ensure all removed equipment is ready to ship for disposal as soon as possible, but for the volume of equipment one shipment is most efficient so all equipment will be gathered, then shipped once all removal is completed.

Yes, my company has conducted work on the replacement of covered equipment and services since the submittal of the last form. We have completed removal at 19 sites and started migration at 3 sites. Most equipment has been removed and replaced from the three remaining sites. In addition, we have had to deal with network stability issues at sites with equipment already in place.

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

We are finding that some equipment and services are commercially available, and some are not. We have reallocated as much of our internal resources as we can to drive this project forward and bring it to a completion, at the expense of other strategic projects we had planned for this time period. Unfortunately we discovered the disposal vendors we had anticipated using are not qualified as initially communicated, and finding new disposal vendors has been challenging. We have engaged a new disposal company who will be able to complete disposal within 60 days of final equipment removal. Our updated project timeline has us completing all the removal and replacement of equipment by the end of the first quarter, with the disposal following.

* 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?

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*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?

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*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.

TIMELINE DEVIATION: Our original timeline slated project completion for October 2022 and this was delayed from the beginning due to the supply chain issues discussed in our prior reports, the extension request that was made, and in this report. In addition, we experienced internal workforce shortages as we had difficulty in filling open positions, as we are a small company in a very rural area of Oregon. Most recently, Blue Mountain has been faced with resuming vendor negotiations to complete disposal work, and discovering that the vendors we anticipated using were not qualified as initially communicated. We have also had delays due to replacement equipment failing and the time to receive new equipment from the vendor. We are currently waiting on a new circuit arrangement with our ILEC that allows us to fully abandon the DWDM gear without purchasing a replacement. This will save the program money and simplify our network. In addition to Supply chain setbacks, Blue Mountain has found original estimates to be low for work required, due to unanticipated challenges with vendors, auditing and integration. This is moving our estimated timeline for removal and replacement to the end of March 2025, and disposal completion to the end of May 2025.

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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