

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.

No, my company has not conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. We have completed removal of covered equipment at 58 of 70 sites. We had to stop removal-related work due to the program funding shortfall. We have halted project activities pending resolution of that issue. No, my company has not conducted any work related to the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. We have disposed of all equipment removed in prior reporting periods. Given that we have not removed any additional equipment during this reporting period, there has not been any disposal-related work. No, my company has not conducted any work related to the replacement of covered equipment or services since the submittal of the last form. Consistent with the responses above regarding removal and disposal activities, because of the funding shortfall, all replacement work has also stopped.

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

No, we are not finding that equipment and services are commercially available. As previously reported, without the available funding, vendors are not available to perform the necessary services and provide the replacement equipment needed.

* 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.

As of this submission, Pine Belt has a second extension request pending. In that request, Pine Belt has shared information regarding its continuing efforts at complying with the requirements of SCRP framed within the real-world limitations created by the prolonged funding shortfall which has only recently been addressed by the US Congress. In that regard, Pine Belt restates here that it continues to work on various site acquisition tasks related to the last nine sites. Additionally, Pine Belt continues to have periodic project management calls with its equipment vendors regarding overall progress and the ongoing network performance and optimization activities. Likewise, Pine Belt continues to work with all vendors as necessary for reconciliation of invoiced items for previous equipment deliveries and services rendered, pending reimbursement requests, and payments processed. Pine Belt also continues to work on implementation of certain essential network elements to support LTE data and Voice over X services being or to be provided by the new network core and RAN facilities.

These services include but are not necessarily limited to installation and integration of the hosted entitlement server and commercialization of Pine Belt's VoWiFi services which requires this entitlement service for full compliance with the FCC's E911 address requirements. Since the previous status report, Pine Belt has made significant progress on completing implementation of E911 calling through the new VoLTE core, replacing a "work around" initially installed with a compliant system. Pine Belt has also recently made significant progress on implementation of other related LTE E911 services on the new network -- work that had started prior to the start of the "rip and replace" era but that had to be deferred because of the various restrictions included in the mandate.

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: Virtually all sections of the timeline have been impacted. We still have elements of the insecure core running. We still have several sites running insecure RAN equipment. Until we install the replacement equipment at all RAN sites we cannot remove and dispose of the remaining insecure items without a significant negative impact on coverage and commercial services. The impact on the timeline is obvious. Without additional funding, we will not be able to complete the work required and therefore we will not meet the project milestone dates.

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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