

## 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.

Copper Valley Wireless (CVW) continues progressing forward with its efforts to replace its existing ZTE CDMA network. CVW has completed the removal of the covered ZTE equipment from all of its sites, along with the CDMA Core Network equipment from the Glennallen CO. Partial replacement installation efforts have occurred at CVW's Heney Ridge and Tsaina Mountain sites, the covered ZTE equipment has been fully decommissioned from these sites. All removed covered equipment was securely stored in a connex shipping container at CVW's secure facility, and after final review of the decommissioning logs and revising its quotations, CVW shipped the covered ZTE equipment to the ITAR certified recycler. CVW has received the final Certificate of Destruction and accompanying documentation from the ITAR certified recycler confirming their covered ZTE equipment has been destroyed per Program guidance. The antenna and line installation activities at its Lake Louise site were completed in early January of 2023, after having been delayed since early July of 2022, due to an osprey nest (Federally protected). CVW's 2022 build efforts were slowed due to CVW's contractor, New Horizons Telecom (NHTI), only being able to assign one tower crew to the CVW project for its 2023 efforts. CVW's 2022 efforts on its replacement and removal efforts were also further slowed by unforeseen weather events, the northern portion of CVW's footprint had an exceedingly wet year, including earlier than typical snow accumulation which further limited the available windows for helicopter access to some of its sites. CVW's Divide site experienced installation and equipment removal delays due to coordination of the required State employee supervision. Helicopter access, in addition to available flight windows, also impeded CVW's activities in its 2022 construction season. The Naked Island structural analyses resulted in unforeseen tower reinforcements and CVW experienced 8–10-week lead-times to receive the structural components, delaying its originally scheduled efforts. The spring and early summer of 2023 had presented CVW and NHTI with several weather delays impacting site accessibility and maintenance window cutover efforts, along with unworkable ground conditions that have prohibited NHTI from adhering to the previously submitted schedule. The weather continued impacting the fall of 2023 construction activities, causing delays with site accessibility and maintenance window cutover efforts. Permitting delays, at the Eyak Lake and Heney Ridge sites have also impacted CVW's construction timeline. For Heney Ridge, the foundation designs have been completed, and the tower steel has been received. Heney Ridge has required collaboration between CVW, the State of Alaska, and NHTI. Working through crew scheduling delays and weather windows favorable for helicopter access, CVW, the State of Alaska, and NHTI conducted an onsite meeting to discuss the transition of the State's deployment to a temporary installation. Capitalizing on a brief weather window, NHTI commenced the Heney Ridge tower and foundation dismantlement in the third week of October and continued efforts excavating for the new tower's foundations, before the winter weather set in and forced NHTI to demobilize until next Spring. The first significant snowfall of the Alaskan winter at the Tsaina Mountain site fell in September 2024, which impeded progress on the required tower modifications at the Tsaina Mountain site in 2024. NHTI is tentatively scheduled to commence Heney Ridge new tower build in the second quarter of 2025, barring snowpack and any weather delays. Unless CVW's contractor, NHTI, is able to dedicate a second crew, its efforts at Tsaina Mountain will occur after the completion of the Heney Ridge new tower build, in Mid-2025. CVW remains committed to complete all SCRIP program activities within its extended deadline, barring snowpack precluding site access and/or future weather delays.

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

In December of 2020 and September of 2021, CVW ordered its transmission line cabling and eNode B electronics but has also encountered shipment delays on both its transmission line cabling, as well as portions of its eNode B electronics. Fortunately, CVW has been able to finalize its equipment and material orders, however, the lead-times have been exponentially longer than originally quoted and projected. CVW has continued to experience extended lead-times for the transmission line cabling for its 2023 site builds.

\* 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.

CVW diligently continues its efforts and is in the process of complying with all requirements of the Supply Chain Proceeding. CVW is uploading a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress it has made on its Supply Chain Proceeding activities and revised equipment and material lead-times.

## 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.

CVW diligently continues its efforts and is in the process of complying with all requirements of the Supply Chain Proceeding. CVW estimates it is 98% complete in completing its Supply Chain Proceeding efforts and is uploading a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress it has made on its Supply Chain Proceeding activities and revised equipment and material lead-times to accompany its January 2025, 90-Day Status Update Filing.

## 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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