

## SCRPS Status Update

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### Applicant Information

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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.

As of this update, Country Wireless has not experienced any lack of availability of equipment in the marketplace that threatens its build deadline, however, there is word that there might be delays in replacement equipment due to high demand in the very near future.

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

We are currently able to find replacement equipment in the marketplace, however, the equipment that Country Wireless has chosen as replacement is in high demand, and there could be delays in the future.

\* 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.

Country Wireless began removing and replacing its Covered Equipment in 2021 and achieved significant progress during 2023 on nine (9) of thirty-three (33) sites as reported in October 2023. Due to weather and significant challenges integrating the new equipment into the network layout, additional work on the rip and replace program was delayed. Due to the higher operating expense of the selected replacement, cash flow to secure and operate additional Rip & Replace towers was a concern. Furthermore, labor requirement for the new equipment had exceeded what was expected causing operational difficulties. Due to those challenges, Country Wireless had to reconsider its replacement choice, and change direction.

## 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?

0

\*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?

0

\*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?

0

\*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.

Although Country Wireless is diligently re-engineering and proceeding with construction on a subset of towers with the new replacement equipment, it is still not enough to complete the program without additional funding.

Country Wireless was granted a deadline extension in February of 2024 due to lack of full funding. Our term deadline is now set for 8/23/2024, and we plan to file another extension as there has been no change to funding, and we remain unable to complete the program with additional funding.

## 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.

## Certifier Information

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