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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.

InfinityLink has ordered and received replacement servers from Dell, as well as some shipments of equipment from Nokia. InfinityLink has also hired additional staff (and has been forced to hire additional personnel, in process now) for replacement and engineering efforts to re-engineer the system in order to meet program requirements with far less than adequate (promised) funding as well as warehousing and in order to meet program requirements. It should be noted that it is difficult to locate and hire qualified applicants that possess technical expertise and experience needed for these industry specific jobs. TiVo has completed integration of TV services onto the new platform and we are in the process of moving customers to this new platform. The equipment that was required to comply with this federal mandate occupies a much larger footprint than the equipment that is being replaced which exceeds the available space in our existing headend which required the acquisition of a larger facility in order to accommodate the new equipment required to comply with the program. We have since leased a building and have ordered compliant equipment to be installed at our new facility (initially this new facility was to have been new construction leased from the North Carolina Global Transpark but was not built due to budgetary constraints and resulted in significant delays as an alternate facility had to be located and secured, Obviously, these issues have resulted in substantial delays that were beyond our control and have prevented us from closing on a new facility and has severely limited our ability to complete our work to comply with this program. As a result, an extension will be required to provide additional time to complete work required to meet the Program requirements. Having received 39.5% of funding required to comply, additional funding will also be required to reach 100% compliance.

We have issued purchase orders for replacement servers, power supplies, and structures required to replace existing cabinets that are not large enough to accommodate the compliant equipment and power supplies. We have executed a fleet lease to provide transportation to installation technicians as they make site visits to remove noncompliant equipment and replace it with compliant Nokia equipment. We have also leased additional bucket trucks and purchased a splice trailer and splice equipment to enable techs to complete the significant amount of splicing required due to split ratio changes, installation of replacement nodes, and other required duties due to distance limitations that were not present on GPON, all of which are necessary to overlay XGS-PON in order to migrate to Nokia (compliant equipment) to remove existing non-compliant equipment.

NfinityLink recently sought and was granted a Modification of Application for Funding required to reach compliance. An additional modification will be required to acquire other equipment required for compliance under the modified compliance plan. The modified compliance plan will bring NfinityLink into compliance, but at a significantly reduced system capacity (at no fault of our own). NfinityLink respectfully requests consideration for future modifications should full (or partial) funding become available in the future. We have submitted an extension request which is currently under final review, but is absolutely necessary to allow time to work toward compliance. With long lead times for some of the equipment to be ordered that is essential for compliance, an additional extension is likely. NfinityLink is making significant headway toward compliance. Additional time and funding is essential to ensure full compliance and comparable system capacity.

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

We have generally been able to find commercially available equipment, but have begun to experience longer than anticipated lead times, some as long as 56 weeks. Unfortunately, no alternative equipment is available that is compatible with other equipment that has been ordered or received.

* 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.

Due to lack of funding, a revised compliance plan had to be developed which took a significant amount of engineering and administrative resources to complete. This, along with other complications throughout the process (Issues with functionality of replacement Nokia equipment, issues locating a facility to lease to accommodate increased space requirements, etc.) have made it impossible to meet previous timeline submissions.

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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