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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.

The majority of our resources for the past quarter continue to be focused on the 2.5 RAN product tower swaps. We have been successful in the first twelve tower sites of 2.5 RAN equipment swaps. As we install the new equipment, the Huawei is being removed and taken to our rip and replace warehouse for approved disposal. We completed the twelve 2.5 RAN swaps with one Core operational. The second Core has not been installed due to the complexity, costs, and time it takes to get the backup site prepared. Consequently, we chose to focus on getting all our 2.5 RAN migrated and customers converted, with a target completion at the end of 2024.

Our next major hurdle is our FTTH customer base changeouts. We currently do not have the funds for the amount of work it requires to change out the customer premise equipment, as it will require thousands of truck rolls. We have a plan formulated to change our customers on one hub site at a time, but it's currently paused until additional funding is available. The pause also affects our ability to take FTTH Huawei chassis and Huawei routers out of the network, which are co-installed with the new Ciena equipment. We attempted to use internal resources to change out some of the FTTH customer CPE, but we could not do the conversions and keep up with the other customer base with the same number of resources.

Our DC Plant changeouts were not completed as expected. We ran into difficulties with facility owners and, in some cases, with AC power requirements that allow us to put in the new DC plant. Additionally, we need to move non-Huawei equipment attached to the old Huawei DC plant in each hub over to the new DC plant.

As we get closer to running out of funding, our biggest concern is deciding where to stop our work until additional funds become available.

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

We received the majority of equipment needed at this time, with our biggest issue being labor to complete the rip and replace project.

* 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.

We continue to remove Huawei equipment from our network. We are storing and cataloging the equipment in our rip and replace warehouse.

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?

10

*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.

We completed all our Ciena core equipment installs but the Huawei core equipment and routers cannot be removed until we can perform the truck rolls to remove and replace the Huawei customer premise equipment. We are in the process of installing the 2.5 RAN tower equipment with a target completion for the end of 2024.

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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