

## 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.

No, my company has not conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. We completed removal of the covered equipment before the last 90 Day Status Reporting. Yes, my company has conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. We have disposed all of the Covered equipment. The destruction of the covered equipment is completed. Yes, my company has conducted work on the replacement of covered equipment and services since the submittal of the last form. (1).AST Telecom LLC completed the physical replacement of the covered Physical Equipment and Covered Systems 100% by June 2024. This was reflected in prior status reports. (2).AST prioritized Physical Replacement and service activation while phasing out the continued testing, optimization, implementation of phased out network features, mandatory software updates to align to current lifecycles and building competency to handle the new network. These activities are in progress currently. (3) AST is at the onset of the first year after bringing the new network live and providing coverage to our customers. This is also the period for stability verification addressing all issues that are arising from a new network that is operational. (4) AST believes that the new network and the integrated systems that are actively providing services to customers should continue to be tested and optimized until well stabilized and controls any possible revenue leakages. AST with its service providers, continues to monitor the network operations 24/7, test the network, resolve issues, conduct optimizations and complete all related implementations.

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

We are finding that some equipment and services are commercially available, and some are not. (1) For software solution components, we have looked into third party development options when tailor made solutions are not readily available. (2) For CORE network licenses, we had proceeded with lab tested versions available at the time of implementation, in order to move through the project and allow subsequent license updates. (3) Dependencies with Device vendors are managed through possible shortening of the waiting time through closely working with the vendors (4) Project planning with revised phases, project scheduling and resourcing have been adjusted to accommodate the timing for receiving the intended solutions and services, while pursuing the other project activities to keep the project moving forward towards completion.

\* 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.

Supply chain issues and a lack of funding have both impeded AST Telecom LLC's ability to complete this project in the time and manner originally hoped for. Due to lack of funding, AST Telecom LLC had to ship all covered equipment by ocean freight, which caused delays in the timeline. The shipment for disposal was also transported by ocean freight. While AST Telecom LLC worked to complete the remainder of the original scope of the project by April 18, 2025, mandatory replacement of software license versions for core network nodes, faulty hardware components replacements (that involve supply chain activities/shipments to the island) and final completion of the remaining functionality implementation of the new network, have caused the need for additional time to complete the ongoing replacement work. In regard to the software license version updates, since this is the first software upgrade life cycle after the network rollout, there is extensive effort and time involved. The timeline for completion of the software update currently stands at October, 2025. In parallel, AST Telecom LLC is also working on the network optimizations, systems stabilization and VoLTE implementations which are part of the post network replacement phase. AST is located in a very remote geography with adverse weather conditions that impact scheduled activities. AST has always diligently planned and executed actions amidst high cost services, lack of resources and remote location challenges involved with the new network replacement.

## 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?

80

\*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.

Timeline Deviation: (1) The new network was available for initial commercial launch in Q1/2024 as against Q2/2023 which was the preliminary target during the original 5640 application process when discussions with the vendor were still in progress. (2) The timeline for disposal was delayed due to ocean shipments. The disposal completion timeline shifted from April 2024 to end of January 2025. The destruction of covered equipment was completed in December 2024. (3) The end of manufacture (EoM) for core network software license was not considered at the time of the initial timeline as this was not evident at the time. (4) Completion of end to end functional services encountered supply chain delays and funding dependencies which impacted the overall completion timeline.

## 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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