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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.

LigTel Communications, Inc. (LigTel) continues progressing forward with its Fiber to the Premises (FTTP) network upgrade to replace its existing Huawei Fixed Wireless Access (FWA) network. LigTel has completed the FTTP Outside Plant (OSP) construction activities in its exchanges of LaGrange (Exchange 1), Rome City (Exchange 2), Skinner Lake (Exchange 5), Sylvan Lake (Exchange 3), Albion (Exchange 4), and LaOtto (Exchange 6), as well as commenced the construction efforts at Cromwell (Exchange 7). As subscribers are cutover to the FTTP network, LigTel is decommissioning the FWA customer premises equipment (CPE). LigTel has completed the turn down and decommissioning of its radio access network and its tower decommissioning efforts have been completed at its LaGrange, Shipshewana, Topeka, South Milford, Kendallville, Big Lake, Albion, Avilla, and Cromwell sites. Tower decommissioning activities were delayed by an osprey nest at the final two sites of Wolcottville and Merriam. The groundwork to complete the decommissioning activities at each of the sites was completed in December of 2023. The decommissioning of the core network was completed in early January of 2024. With the completion of the decommissioning and removal efforts of all covered Huawei equipment from their network, LigTel is transitioning into the disposal phase of the SCRP Program. LigTel is diligently working to complete the cataloging and final verifications of their covered Huawei equipment in preparation of the ITAR certified recycling efforts. LigTel's efforts on its FTTP network construction in two of its exchanges were slowed by unforeseen road construction activities. In the LaGrange exchange its efforts were slowed by local street construction activities and in the Sylvan Lake exchange its efforts were slowed by the State of Indiana road construction activities. Early on in the process, LigTel ordered its fiber optic cabling and FTTP electronics but has encountered shipment delays on both its fiber optic cabling, as well as portions of its FTTP electronics. While awaiting full funding for the SCRP Program, LigTel diligently continues its efforts, while financially straining to internally fund these efforts, to prolong enacting the one-year completion deadline obligation of the Supply Chain Proceeding.

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

Early on in the process, LigTel ordered its fiber optic cabling and FTTP electronics but has encountered shipment delays on both its fiber optic cabling, as well as portions of its FTTP electronics. Fortunately, LigTel has been able to finalize its equipment and material orders, however, the lead-times have been exponentially longer than originally quoted and projected.

* 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.

As part of its April 2024, 90-Day Status Update, LigTel is uploading a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress of its FTTP construction 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?

40

*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.

While awaiting full funding for the SCRP Program, LigTel diligently continues its efforts to transition to its FTTP network upgrade and is in process of complying with all requirements of the Supply Chain Proceeding. LigTel estimates it is 91% complete in completing its Supply Chain Proceeding efforts and is uploaded a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress it has made on its Supply Chain Proceeding activities, including its FTTP construction activities, and revised equipment and material lead-times.

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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