

## 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.

Since our last quarterly update, we are concluding the Site Acquisition phase and moving towards more time-consuming activities including site construction (which involves modifications to towers), Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) swaps, integration and migration of sites with requisite troubleshooting, and Site Optimization. The newest obstacle that has emerged is with our new SIM card vendor indicating a remaining lead time of 10 weeks for the SIM cards as of the week of March 18th. This SIM card vendor change was required as our current vendor decided to exit our market space and new SIM cards were needed to facilitate the migration to the new equipment. This delay shifts our expected timeline for receiving the SIM cards to the beginning of June. Considering these factors, achieving our mid-July completion goal is becoming progressively difficult for multiple reasons:

**CPE Deployment Delays:** The deployment of Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) cannot commence until we have received the SIM cards. This delay in starting the CPE deployment directly impacts our ability to convert sites according to our planned schedule.

**Site Conversion Outdoor Unit Deployment:** Converting sites and deploying outdoor units are time-intensive tasks. The latter is particularly challenging as it requires specialized equipment and personnel (truck rolls) for installation. Given the lead-time for SIM cards, starting these tasks will be delayed, further compressing our available window to complete the project on time.

Given the challenges we've encountered, particularly with the deployment of Customer Premises Equipment (CPE), it has become evident that an extension of our project timeline is necessary. Therefore, we are preparing to formally request a 6-month extension to our RRD term in the upcoming weeks. This additional period is vital for us to navigate the current delays effectively and ensure the project's successful completion without compromising the quality or efficiency of our work.

Beyond the CPE deployment issue, several other factors have significantly impacted our progress on the SCRP project at Plateau:

**Budgetary Constraints:** Our project expenses are trending to exceed our allocated budget substantially. This financial gap, compounded by delays in the approval of reimbursement claims, poses a serious threat to achieving the project's primary goals and could lead to further delays. A notable manifestation of this challenge was the necessity for multiple RF design revisions to achieve adequate market coverage within our budgetary limits.

**Multiple RF Designs:** The RF designs, which are crucial for the project's success, are anticipated to extend the timeline of our remaining tasks beyond the expected site acquisition completion.

**Lease Negotiations and Site Adjustments:** The process of finalizing lease agreements and making the necessary adjustments to sites has been more time-consuming than initially planned.

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

We are currently expecting a lead time of 10 weeks for the SIM cards.

\* 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.

Additional program funds are needed for this program to be successful. The current underfunding hinders timely and comprehensive replacement efforts, impacting the security and reliability of our networks.

## 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.

\*Removal and Disposal are at 5% each for Planning. As mentioned previously and concerning the project timeline, we intend to seek a 6-month extension. We will furnish an updated schedule once we receive approval for this extension.

## 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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