

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 90-day update, Plateau has completed the Core Deployment phase but encountered delays in our Ran Deployment tasks. The primary challenges have been with site acquisition and RF design. RF design took longer than anticipated. The complexity of the RF design, particularly in developing a feasible solution within the constraints of the limited sites covered by the allocated SCRCP funding, has contributed to these delays. We remain optimistic about completing site acquisition by the end of Q1 2024. After this, we still face time-intensive tasks such as site construction (including tower modifications), CPE Swaps, site integration/migration with necessary troubleshooting, and Site Optimization.

At this moment, we are anticipating a 3-to-6-month RRD extension for the following reasons:

1. Financial Limitations: The projected costs for Plateau's SCRCP project are likely to exceed our current funding allocation considerably. This funding gap, coupled with the prolonged reimbursement claim approval times, will compromise the project's primary goals and lead to further delays. A recent manifestation of this challenge was the need to undertake multiple RF redesigns to guarantee full market coverage within our limited budget.
2. The intricate RF designs previously discussed are likely to extend the remaining SCRCP Project tasks beyond the Site Acquisition delivery. We are then anticipating 6 months of the remaining activities leading us into a September timeline, assuming all goes according to plan. This is two months beyond our initial RRD term.
3. Delays in reimbursement claim reviews and approvals. We've continued to observe extended wait times, often exceeding a month, before our reimbursement claims to be reviewed. Such delays can negatively impact on our already limited cash flow, pose financial risks, and ultimately set back the entire project.
4. Ongoing lease negotiations and necessary site modifications are taking longer than expected.
5. The availability of tower crews upon material receipt.

We will be providing an updated timeline shortly and will most likely ask for a 3 or 6-month extension in May.

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

Equipment is commercially available in the marketplace.

* 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 remain optimistic about securing additional program funding, as the project's cost is expected to significantly surpass our initial funding allocation. Furthermore, we hope that such additional funding would enable more efficient administration of the Program, particularly in streamlining the review processes for modifications and reimbursement claims.

The combination of this financial shortfall and the extended duration for approving reimbursement claims is likely to undermine the main objectives of the project and result in additional delays.

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.

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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