

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.

Point Broadband Fiber Holding, LLC ("Point") is approaching the exhaustion of its funding, and the primary concern is deciding where to stop work until additional funds become available. As the Commission is aware, Congress has disbursed only 39.5% of the funds needed to complete the program. Congress has approved additional funds; however, the timing of allocation to participants remains unclear.

In the past quarter, Point's primary SCRP focus was on the 2.5 GHz wireless tower swaps, microwave system changeout, and DC plant conversions. Point successfully completed swaps for 55 tower sites, which account for 100% of the total wireless changeouts. Point completed the 2.5 GHz wireless tower swaps with only one Core operational. The second Core will be installed in July 2025. Also, Point completed all microwave system swap-outs. Additionally, Point also made progress on the DC plant changeouts in the last quarter, and only five systems remain. Point is aiming to have these final DC plant systems completed by mid-May. As the new equipment was installed, Point removed the Huawei equipment and transported it to the Rip & Replace warehouse for approved disposal.

Point's next major hurdle is the Fiber to the Home ("FTTH") customer base changeouts. As of March 10th, Point is employing two new contractor groups for the 3,500 - 4,000 CPE and FTTH customer home swap-outs. These new contractors are now scheduling and performing customer changeouts. Point plans to increase swaps to 300 per month in mid-April until the project is completed. Unfortunately, Point can only swap out one or two Hub sites at a time which slows the router removal process.

Point is sourcing external engineering resources to work with its internal team to remove the Huawei router as additional funds are allocated. As stated in Point's prior update, the router changeouts have proven the most complex part of the network changeouts, requiring Point to remove them one at a time. Point's goal is to remove the routers starting in June 2025, pending additional funding.

Point is a small operator committed to serving rural areas. However, until Congress allocates additional funding, both Point's viability and its customers' access to broadband services are at risk. Point has not been able to identify funding sources willing to bridge the gap until additional funding is allocated.

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

Point has received the majority of the needed equipment at this time. With additional funding, Point will be able to hire contractors to focus on network router swaps in the coming months.

* 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.

100% of the 2.5 GHz wireless swaps are completed. 100% of the microwave systems are completed. 95% of the power systems are completed. The focus has now turned to FTTH and router changeouts.

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?

45

*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?

60

*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.

Point completed all the Ciena FTTH Hub equipment installations. However, it cannot remove the Huawei FTTH Hub equipment and routers until truck rolls are performed. Now that Point has hired two new contractor groups, it can make progress on FTTH customer truck roll removals. As it completes the removal of the Huawei FTTH for each Hub site, Point will remove the chassis and routers at the associated Hub sites.

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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