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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.

The majority of our resources for the past quarter have been focused on the 2.5 RAN product. We have achieved the wiring and switch installation of the multiple port switches for the 2.5 RAN core, along with the throughput testing end to end with a CPE radio on the ground to a test of 2.5 RAN radio on a tower. With the testing complete, we have now been able to order the SIM chips for the 2.5 RAN CPE, which is scheduled to be on-site for our first tower removal of Huawei equipment and replacement with the new Ericsson in mid-April. Our next hurdle will be the integration of the Core into our billing and provisioning system. Our target for integration is mid-May. However, our first site swap will be mid-April, and will require a completely manual process for all provisioning and billing.

We continue to make slow progress on the FTTH customer changeouts as we have made the decision to use in-house resources only. Our main concern is our budget funding.

Our router change-out is a slow process, given the years of route changes with one-off routes in the old Huawei equipment, requiring a very labor-intensive scope of work by an in-house engineering resource that is also responsible for a much wider scope of network equipment. To slow the process even more, all this work must be done in a planned maintenance window.

We have focused all of our energy on our 2.5 RAN. As we get that process functioning over the next months, we are working to get internal resources from other company areas to help support the change out of the remaining microwaves. The contractors that were originally performing the changeouts, were too expensive for the budget since only 40% of the funding is available.

Our DC Plant changeouts should be completed by the end of June, with the exception of several site cabinets that cannot support the new and old equipment at the same time. Therefore, we are engineering a temporary solution.

Our concern, as always, is hitting a stopping point in the coming year, given that additional funding has not yet become available. However, we will complete as much work as possible up until we run out of money.

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

We have secured all equipment for the conversions except the SIM chips for the 2.5 RAN. We expect them to arrive mid-April, so the 1st 2.5 RAN tower conversion is scheduled for mid-April.

* 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 currently have the 2.5 core, the 2.5 tower equipment, the 2.5 CPE tested, and we have ordered 2.5 CPE Sims chips for a mid-April replacement on the 1st tower.

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.

We continue to remove Huawei equipment from our network and we are storing it in an offsite warehouse to be disposed of through our authorized agent. However, our goal is to get the new network equipment in place and operational so we can migrate all the Huawei routers and FTTH core out of the network. The 2.5 RAN change-outs start April 15th.

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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