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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.

We have finally overcome the issue of acquiring switches for the wireless core connection and are in the process of testing the core with the new Ericsson equipment in hopes that we will be ready to start the first Huawei removal of 2.5 equipment in February. Over the past quarter, we have obtained engineering drawings through an engineering firm for over half of the towers that we currently have Huawei equipment on. This allows us to be ready to start the first removals of the 2.5 wireless equipment with a target date of February 2024.

We have made additional progress on the FTTH equipment, where we have installed 98% of all chassis. Through a muxing process side by side with the Huawei equipment, we have been able to migrate just over 450 customers from the Huawei equipment, but we have slowed the process because of the high cost of labor associated with removing the customer's home equipment. We find that our biggest hurdle is contacting the customers and scheduling a time to remove the Huawei home equipment and installing the new Ciena home equipment replacement.

We have also been successful in getting 75% of our Huawei microwave equipment replaced over the last quarter.

We have had success with the installation of more routers because we have contractors who have been able to work alongside our team. At this point, we have installed over 80 routers in the network; however, our biggest obstacle is still migrating all the individual router traffic that exists on the old Huawei routers.

We previously indicated that the DC plant changeouts required additional outside labor. We have sourced outside contractors and over the last quarter have been successful in upgrading over 60 of our power systems without significant outages to the site equipment. In the coming quarter, we target the removal of 20 of the Huawei power systems still in parallel with installing the new equipment.

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.

As we have previously indicated, finding all the equipment to make cohesion of all the new equipment capable has been a challenge. At this point, we believe we have secured 95% of the switches and routers needed to begin the testing of the 2.5 wireless equipment and, subsequently, the start of the 2.5 wireless installation and replacement at the end of February.

* 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 now have the majority of equipment needed to test and start the installation of our core 2.5 equipment and, subsequently, the swap out of the 2.5 equipment starting at the end of February.

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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