

Status Update October 13, 2022
Hotwire Communications, Ltd.

Applications SC-AR0005519, SC-AR0006389 and SC-AR0006395 (the “Applications”)

Pursuant to section 1.50004(k) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 1.50004(k), Hotwire Communications, Ltd. (“Hotwire”) hereby files its status update due on October 13, 2022 regarding the Applications.

1. Provide an explanation of efforts undertaken and challenges encountered, in permanently removing, replacing, and disposing covered communications equipment or service.

Since submitting its Build Timeline and Plan (“Plan”), Hotwire has made progress towards completing the Plan despite not having received confirmation of an allocation that will support its execution; notably, Hotwire’s Plan called for ordering of replacement equipment *upon receipt of funding* from FCC. In furtherance of the Plan, Hotwire placed its order well in advance due to anticipated supply chain delays. By placing the order sooner, Hotwire hopes to mitigate the effect of ongoing supply chain constraints on the replacement of Covered Equipment.

Additionally, in the last few months, Hotwire has put together a task force for this project and developed internal processes for purchasing, accepting, and deploying replacement equipment and to inventory and secure covered communications equipment until it is sent for destruction.

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

We continue to closely monitor the risks, as outlined in Hotwire’s Plan, that threaten our successful execution of the project, particularly with regard to meeting the Plan’s timeline. These risks include lack of commercially available equipment, possible failure of vendors to deliver replacement equipment on time, availability of contractor crews needed for replacement of equipment at head ends, and others. Since we submitted our Plan, these risks have either remained the same or slightly increased. Specific to finding commercially available equipment, we have not yet seen any indication that our required equipment will not be available, but continue to monitor market conditions.

3. If there is additional information relevant to the preceding questions, please include the information here.

Hotwire is pleased to report that it has not encountered any new challenges to its timeline. However, Hotwire's Plan was designed and based on Hotwire receiving all or nearly all of its allocation. With a materially reduced allocation, there would be insufficient funds to cover the significant expense associated with the proactive scheduling of Covered Equipment replacement and the conducting of on-site visits solely to perform this work. With the potential for Hotwire to receive a much lesser allocation, we are in the process of evaluating alternative approaches for completing equipment swaps at a reduced cost.

However, all alternatives being considered for feasibility require a material increase – by years – in the time required to complete the entire project, necessitating timeline extensions by the FCC.