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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.

Site Prep: Viaero has begun the site work needed before Ericsson installation activity. Viaero has established internal procedures for executing the project plan (RAN and MW), including setting quality control standards for supervising vendors. As of 4/11/23, Viaero has completed the following: Electrical:511/887, Shelter Upgrades:10/12, Concrete Pads:9/90, Access Road Prep:2/37, Generator Replacements:234/534, Permitting:404/886, Lease Negotiations:1/88, NEPA/NHPA:335/614. Core Deployment: Viaero and Ericsson started the full Core Project in 8/2021, with the ordering of hardware and start of the high-level design. As of this report the Core project is 100% completed. All onsite hardware and software have been delivered, installed, and commissioned. Integration and Acceptance Testing is 100% completed. The ATP is 100% completed. The traffic on Huawei Core has been migrated to Ericsson Core as of 3/2023. Ericsson Core is being monitored for stabilization. RAN Deployment: Viaero and Ericsson agreed to start the RAN Project in a limited scope in Oct. 2021. This scope included the individual RAN site surveys, RF Design, limited hardware ordering, site hardware configurations, cutover planning, and limited Construction Drawings of the baseline cluster. The baseline cluster started installation of RAN equipment in July 2022. Installation for 24 sites in FRN 0001607225 and FRN 0031576960 is complete. Although the RAN Project started in Oct. 2022 it was limited to noninvasive activities to the current Huawei network. The actual swap of the Huawei, including installation on some sites, will be scheduled after the Ericsson Core elements have completed testing and the Viaero Subscriber base has migrated off Huawei core elements. This factor will place stress on the 12-month time limit mandated for completion. Weather due to late start in 2022 has caused some delays. The following reflects the progress from the start of the RAN Project up to 3/31/23. Site Surveys have been completed for all FRNs. For FRNs 0001607225, 0031576960, 0031576994, 0031577000, 0031577018, 0031577026, 0031577034, 0008314569, 0015489636 and 0031656432 100% of RF Design is completed, and for 0031656507 it is 80% complete. For FRNs 0001607225, 0031576960, 0031576994, 0031577000, 0031577018, 0031577026, 0031577034, 0008314569, 0015489636 and 0031656432 100% of Site Configuration is complete. For FRN 0001607225, 100% of Installs are complete. For FRN 0031576960, 68% of Installs were started and 56% are complete. For FRN 0031576994, 7% of Installs were started and 28% are complete. For FRN 0031577000, 34% of Installs were started and 17% are complete. For FRN 001577018, 5% of Installs were started and 0% are complete. For FRN 0031656432, 34% of Installs were started and 0% are complete. Transport Deployment: Viaero and Ericsson started the Transport Project in a limited scope in 10/2021. This scope included the individual site surveys using drones where practical, link design, PCN coordination, limited Construction Drawings, IP design, link hardware configurations, and a limited amount of hardware orders. The first installation of Transport equipment started in July 2022. The challenges faced by the Transport Project are like the RAN Project, not including the Ericsson Core Elements. The following reflects the progress from the start of the Transport Project up to 3/31/23. Site Surveys have been completed for all FRNs. Link Design: FRNs 0001607225 and 0031576960 are 100% complete;FRN 0031576994 is 86% complete;FRN 0031577000 is 83% complete;FRN 0031577018 is 33% complete;FRN 0031577026 is 11% complete;FRN 0031577034 is 3% complete;and FRN 0031656432 is 25% complete. For FRN 0001607225 and 0031576960,100% of Link Configuration is complete. Link configuration is 86% complete for FRN 0031576994, 83% for FRN 0031577000, 4% for FRN 0031577018, and 11% for FRN 0031577026. 100% of Link Swaps have been started for FRN 0001607225, 46% for FRN0031576960, and 9% for FRN 0031576994.

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

Viaero has not had problems with equipment availability thus far. However, its equipment orders have been limited at this stage in the project. Viaero remains concerned about future equipment availability when order quantities increase, particularly if the project funding is not resolved. If the reimbursement fund is not fully funded in the coming months, Viaero will be forced to cancel or postpone equipment orders due to an inability to pay invoices without the assurance of reimbursement. Another risk to our completion deadline is the current FCC policy to freeze reimbursements in an entire application during the review of individual line-item amendments. By withholding reimbursements from line-items that are unrelated to line-items being amended, the FCC is delaying reimbursement such that it jeopardizes our ability to place and pay for equipment orders in a timely manner. Even if this policy is modified, if the reimbursement process is not further streamlined so that payments can be made more promptly, that will also result in deadline risks and the need for build extension. In addition, it has been difficult to identify and hire qualified, experienced telecommunications engineers and project managers. Training inexperienced individuals will put pressure on Viaero's build deadlines, which may result in needing a deadline extension.

* 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.

As Viaero/Ericsson began actual site scoping, new issues would arise specific to towers being scoped. This has delayed the implementation work that Viaero hoped would be accomplished prior to the sub-optimal winter season.

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, replaced, and disposed of (or is in the process of permanently removing, replacing, and disposing of) all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of submission of the recipient's application requesting funding.

Yes No

If you have not yet completed the removal, replacement, and/or disposal process, what estimated percentage of the removal, replacement, and/or disposal process have you completed?

*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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