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Is the contact the same as the contact listed on the Application Request for Funding Allocation? If not, please list below.

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^{*}Indicate which deadline you are meeting with this filing.

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.

No, my company has NOT conducted work on the removal of covered equipment between July 1 and today. Replacement work has just started in earnest. Replacement must be completed first before anything can be removed. No, my company has NOT conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment between July 1 and today. Replacement work has just started in earnest. Replacement must be completed first before anything can be removed. Yes, my company has conducted work on the replacement of covered equipment and services between July 1 and today. Selected vendor. Core replacement has started however one critical server will not be delivered any earlier than mid December 2022. RAN replacement equipment has been delivered. Tower modifications and rebuilds are in the design and permitting stage but progress on that work has slowed considerably due to rent term negotiations and onerous demands of certain tower owners which is requiring us to look for alternatives.

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

We are finding that some equipment and services are commercially available, and some are not. Make adjustments to time schedules.

* 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.

Given the issues with supply chain delays and the continued uncertainties regarding full funding, the FCC should proceed with issuing the blanket extension allowed by law.

ProgramCompliance *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 therecipient'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?
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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.

Pine Belt Cellular is approximately 10% finished with the removal, replacement, and disposal process, but has not yet completed it.

Timeline Deviation: 1) To start, our timeline was based on the assumption that the FCC review would end in May. That, however, did not conclude until the middle of July. Installation of the LTE and IMS core will not be complete any earlier than the end of December 2022 due in large part to the delays in hardware delivery. 2) Tower site surveys and structural analysis work is taking much longer than projected. Likewise. we are receiving onerous demands from some tower owners which, without any real leverage to bargain for better terms, will cause an unacceptable increase in operating costs both in the short term and over time. This increase threatens the viability of our operation as a going concern and we would thus have to seek other remedies. We are looking for alternatives to that situation including the possibility of rebuilding certain towers, regardless of the results of any structural analysis, provided our approved SCRP funds would be sufficient to cover the cost of the rebuild and such a use would be permitted. Until this question is answered, we may only be able to proceed in a timely manner with installation of the replacement RAN equipment on the towers we own and those that we had previously determined would need to be rebuilt which represents roughly 1/3 of our RAN inventory. At that point, we would be faced with the challenges of trying to maintain two vendor networks for some period of time and then simply shutting down and destroying the covered equipment without any replacement and thereby considerably reducing the coverage and services provided to our customers.

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 abovenamed 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 mayresult in thedenial 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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