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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.

Over the last quarter Point has efforted to acquire equipment for all the Huawei replacements in our network. Replacing the radio, power systems, routers (Management Systems) and FTTH Huawei systems have caused unforeseen issues and many challenges. We have engaged a vendor for our Radio Replacement, (Management Systems), routers and our power system replacements. Due to the price of that vendor's operating core for the wireless system we have chosen a different vendor for the 2.5 operating core. We have chosen a vendor to provide the CPE's replacement of the 2.5 radios. One of the issues that we currently are seeing is the long lead time for much of the equipment. The lead times on the servers maybe up to 14 to 16 weeks for shipment. In addition the lead time on the 2.5 CPE equipment is the June time frame. No replacement work can start on the 2.5 radio network until all pieces are in place due to the fact that the replacement equipment on the towers will have to be done as a one for one swap out resulting in days of outage for the customers so everything must be available so that once the tower radios are replaced truck rolls can immediately be made to the customer locations swapping out and testing the new CPE.

We have engaged a vendor for our FTTH replacement, who will provide both the core and CPE equipment. They will also provide contractors for the installation of the core and the swap out of the customer CPE.

As we have planned out the engineering and replacement of the power systems we have come to the conclusion that we will have to replace the power systems in a maintenance window resulting in a complete outage per hubsite with a target of 8 hours of downtime to the customers while the systems are swapped out along with the batteries. We have also encountered a space issue on the batteries that will require moving from a lead acid solution to a lithium battery due the limited space in the hub sites and the loading on the floor. One of our challenges is to replace the power systems ahead of any equipment replacement because the current power systems in the hubs cannot support the current equipment and new equipment simultaneously. This will also require us to change out an additional 30 sites of non Huawei power systems where the old equipment is supporting Huawei radio and FTTH equipment. All the replacements of equipment will require impacts to our customer base which we are trying to engineer to be at an absolute minimum.

At this time we have installed 50 new routers to replace a portion of the Huawei routers. The challenge is the amount of time required in a maintenance window to build and move the routes from the Huawei equipment completely into the new routers. We hope to be able to hire contract engineers to assist with the completion of this task But that still requires involvement by our very limited internal engineering resources.

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

The replacement equipment we have found to be commercially available but they are also experiencing long lead times on many elements of their product.

The 2.5 CPE had to be certified through our radio vendor and special ordered contributing to the lengthy timeline to be able to start the wireless removal process.

We still face challenges with the supply chain as we have finally identified our major equipment providers. Our concern at this point is the time and manpower that will be required given that much of the equipment needed to replace the Huawei will not be readily available for many months pushing us to make a decision on how to focus on maintaining our existing customers while working our way through all the interruptions of so many change outs of equipment.

We have also discovered that in our main CO we do not have adequate space or power to place the racks needed for our new Core, new power system and ENM controller. we will be required to expand the room and are in discussions for pricing with the owner of the facility.

* 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 are in the process of identifying sufficient warehouse space that will allow us to store and separate the old Huawei in addition to allowing us room for storage of the new equipment coming in for deployment.

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.

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