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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.

(1) Fixed Network. PRTC has non-operational covered equipment, which has been taken out of production and is in storage awaiting disposal. The equipment is stored at several Central Offices as well as the company's warehouse facility. PRTC has purchased and installed the replacement equipment on its fixed network. PRTC obtained a quote from a disposal company and is currently in contract negotiations. Once PRTC enters into a contract with the disposal vendor, all fixed network covered equipment will be transported to the vendor's warehouse to be destroyed and disposed consistent with the applicable local rules and regulations. The disposal of the fixed network covered equipment is now scheduled to be completed by December 30, 2022.

(2) Wireless Network. PRTC has approximately 10,242 equipment units that consist of routers, USB modems and mobile hotspots that are not operational and are held as spare equipment in inventory. The removal of this equipment from storage facilities will be arranged with the vendor selected to dispose of the same. PRTC estimates that the disposal of approximate 2,394 of these units will be completed by December 30, 2022.

The company also has approximately 29,003 units on loan to existing customers, which were initially deployed to facilitate restoration of service after Hurricane Maria devastated communications infrastructure in Puerto Rico. Although PRTC has already purchased some replacement equipment, the company will need to order over 36,851 units from other vendors. Although the company had obtained a quote for comparable replacement equipment from one of its existing suppliers, PRTC decided to purchase equipment from another vendor to expedite the production and delivery of the replacement equipment. This vendor requires 12 weeks for production and delivery after the order has been placed. Therefore, the first shipment is expected to be received in the first quarter of 2023. The exchange of covered equipment for non-covered equipment at PRTC retail locations will take place on a rolling basis depending on the manufacture's shipments and equipment availability. PRTC anticipates it will start issuing sixty-day notices to consumers regarding the exchange of the covered equipment at retail locations in January 2023. At the same time, the disposal of covered equipment will take place on a rolling basis. Considering that the covered equipment is collected at the retail locations, it will be transported by the vendor on a weekly or biweekly basis to the warehouse, where it will be collected by the vendor for proper disposal.

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

Yes, there is commercially available replacement equipment in the marketplace.

* 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.

N/A

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.

First, as explained in response to the question regarding efforts undertaken to-date, PRTC is still in contract negotiations with an equipment disposal vendor. Therefore, PRTC estimates that the destruction of fixed network covered equipment currently in storage will be completed by December 30, 2022. Second, as PRTC is negotiating the purchase of replacement routers, USB modems and mobile hotspots from a new manufacturer, the company estimates that the first shipment will be received in the first quarter of 2023.

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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