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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.

SI wireless operated a full mobility network as a national carrier affiliated roaming partner comprising 204 sites, a main and a remote switching center. SI proposed to replace that network basically like for like and reaffiliate with a national carrier however absent full funding this cannot be accomplished at this time. Accordingly, and as stated in its application, SI is pivoting to a fixed wireless initial deployment (only a partial deployment can be achieved at this time), focusing initially in smaller cities, towns and rural areas within the SIW footprint. This will be done through Rural Connect, wholly owned sister company that operates as a wireless Internet service provider ("WISP"), and has been in operation for 12+ years who serves within but not all the Company's footprint.

The Company is in the process of decommissioning and disposing of all covered equipment in its network as a phase 1 based on current funding. If, and/or when, the remaining funds are allocated, the Company will, if they can reaffiliate with a national carrier, adapt this network to a full mobility voice and data network for traditional cellular customers and fixed wireless customers as were served on our previous network using covered technology.

Currently 143 of 204 sites are fully decommissioned, all type one covered equipment has been removed from sites and switches and destroyed in accordance with guidance received. One site has been reinstalled with replacement equipment.

Major challenges include:

- 1) Invoices submitted have received RFIs, in which we have responded, but they have not been responded to by the FCC.
- 2) Timing on zoning/planning. We believe it would be helpful if the FCC chairperson were to pen a letter to local governments, tower companies and landlords asking for their consideration including in expediting or eliminating planning and zoning hurdles to further these programs efforts and explaining that it is in furtherance of a national agenda of importance.
- 3) Cost estimate modifications require going over the 20k alloted line items in the application, which inhibits the ability to make new cost modifications based on the new plan for the partial funding.

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

We have commenced deployment of Tarana equipment for fixed wireless on one site. We are expecting the next shipment of replacement equipment to arrive within two weeks or 8 weeks after initial order. The single site completed has been done with equipment we have received on an expedited basis so we could field test and verify our RF models. If the delivery is as promised and if we can continue to be supplied on this time schedule, we foresee being able to meet the one-year time period to deploy the sites we have scheduled for the first phase of our redeployment based on the partial funding received.

* 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 need an open discussion setting the ground rules promptly so we can adjust to the expectations of those approving invoices which to us differ from what has been communicated to us prior to submitting invoices. Because of delays at various stages of this effort we are now entering the second quarter so to speak of work and continuing to ask the players to play without payment.

Additionally, we believe it would be helpful if the FCC chairperson were to pen a letter to local governments, tower companies and landlords asking for their consideration including in expediting or eliminating planning and zoning hurdles to further these programs efforts and explaining that it in furtherance of a national agenda of importance. In addition, there should be an expedited approval process of a new plan and new cost estimate made to implement a new plan based on the partial funding allocation. Our company has chosen to now hot cut but rather to move subs, take down and redeploy the network. We are a small business without extensive funding and its essential that we be able to complete this job in a short time frame as all our incoming cash flow has been turned off for this process and to date none brought in from reimbursements. We are living on vendor goodwill from past deployments we have done but that will not last forever.

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.

We are currently in the process of decommissioning the sites. Given we only received partial funding, a revised plan and timeline has been uploaded. We started submitting invoices to the portal for reimbursement over a month ago and still have not received any inclination if these are approved or will be paid soon. We have received multiple RFIs on some items and we have responded with our questions asking for further clarification, but it has been silent from the FCC side. We believe we are submitting everything necessary with each invoice in order to get these reimbursed, but with no communication or status updates from your end on where these stand we have no way of knowing if everything is being submitted correctly or if we will eventually receive further RFIs. We have multiple vendors who have been working in accordance with this project for several months now and with no responses from your end on where these reimbursement requests stand we are becoming very concerned at the lack of communication that is needed in order to help us plan for the several months ahead. We have noticed that only 1 participant in this program has been paid so far, and we are trying to get answers where our reimbursement claims stand seeing that we have submitted invoices around the same time that company started submitting claims. It would make this process much more efficient for both of us if we could be provided the appropriate contact personnel for each aspect of this program (cost modifications, RFI requests, reimbursement claim status updates, etc.) so we can stay in communication with the correct people throughout the project. It would be especially helpful to us and you if the person sending the RFIs could include their contact info so we can communicate quickly to understand exactly what they need from us.

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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