## SCRPStatus Update

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# Applicant Information

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### **Contact Information**

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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<sup>\*</sup>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.

Rise Broadband will rip and replace all ZTE equipment on the sites in this application. Site surveys and detailed engineering have begun on sites in this application.

No additional delays are expected due to supply chain or labor shortages at this time, but it remains possible that there may be in the future, in which case Rise may need to request an extension.

The primary challenges in completing the rip and replace of covered equipment are as follows:

- The application and reimbursement processes require perfect alignment between application and reimbursement requests. Any deviation between the two can trigger the need for an application modification. Application modifications take many weeks to review, RFI and approve during which time all reimbursements are paused, even on lines unrelated to the modifications. This in turn, places a strain on cash flow and may require a work stop until reimbursements resume. Work stoppages can compromise contractors' ability to remain committed to the project and timelines causing further delays. In effect, the administrative burden of the program, combined with a lack of full funding, are the primary drivers of timeline compliance rather than the availability of equipment or labor to accomplish the work.
- Lack of additional funding for the applications has become a significant challenge to the overall timeline. It is Rise's intent to use the granted funds for the purchase of equipment and to outsource as much of the program as possible to third parties for execution. However, with the reduced funding, Rise will prioritize use of the allocated funds for the purchase of equipment and essential program expenses and request timeline extensions until additional funding is allocated.

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

No additional delays are expected due to supply chain or labor shortages at this time, but it remains possible that there may be in the future, in which case Rise may need to request an 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.

Rise Broadband is in the process of complying with the submitted timeline. No material revisions to the timeline are required at this time, however, without additional funding, the full rip and replace will not be able to be completed and requests for additional time are likely.

| ProgramCompliance   |
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| *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 all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipients application request for funding. |
| Yes ✓ No  |
| If recipient has not yet completed the removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?  |
| 0   |
| *Indicate whether recipient has replaced all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.   |
| Yes ✓ No  |
| If recipient has not yet completed the replacement process, what estimated percentage of the replacement process have you completed?  |
| 0   |
| *Indicate whether recipient has disposed of all covered communications equipment or services that were in the recipient's network as of the date of the submission of the recipient's application request for funding.  |
| Yes No  |
| If recipient has not yet completed the disposal process, what estimated percentage of the disposal process have you completed?  |
| 0   |
| *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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#### 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 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.

#### **Certifier Information**

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