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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.

Copper Valley Wireless (CVW) continues progressing forward with its efforts to replace its existing ZTE CDMA network. CVW has completed the removal and replacement activities at its Robe River, Valdez B2, Heidenvue, Corbin, 7-Mile, Shoup Bay, Grain Terminal, Tolsona, Nelchina, Glennrich, Tazlina, Ernestine, Silver Springs, Willow Mountain, Glennallen, Paxon, Gilahina, Aurora, Lake Louise, Copper Center, Divide, Mentasta, Mentasta Pass, Cannon Hill, Whittier, McCarthy, Sourdough, Rendezvous, Chistochina, Slana, Boswell Bay, Ocean Beauty, Naked Island, Tatitlek, Tripod Hill, Eyak Lake, Tsaina Lodge, Elsie COW, and Bessie COW sites, along with the CDMA Core Network equipment from the Glennallen CO. Partial replacement installation efforts have occurred at CVW's Heney Ridge and Tsaina Mountain sites, the covered ZTE equipment has been fully decommissioned from these sites. CVW inventoried all removed equipment from all of its sites and securely stored it in a connex shipping container at CVW's secure facility, and after final review of the decommissioning logs and revising its quotations, shipped the covered ZTE equipment to the ITAR certified recycler. CVW is awaiting its final Certificate of Destruction and accompanying documentation from its ITAR certified recycler. The antenna and line installation activities at its Lake Louise site were completed in early January of 2023, after having been delayed since early July of 2022, due to an osprey nest (Federally protected) that was built on top of the tower. CVW's 2022 build efforts were slowed due to CVW's contractor, New Horizons Telecom, only being able to assign one tower crew to the CVW project for its 2023 efforts. CVW's 2022 efforts on its replacement and removal efforts were also further slowed by unforeseen weather events, the northern portion of CVW's footprint had an exceedingly wet year, including earlier than typical snow accumulation which further limited the available windows for helicopter access to some of its sites. CVW's Divide site experienced installation and equipment removal delays due to coordination of the required State employee supervision. Helicopter access, in addition to available flight windows, also impeded CVW's activities as they closed its 2022 construction season. CVW's 2023 construction season commenced with site walks and structural analyses. The Naked Island structural analyses resulted in unforeseen tower reinforcements and CVW experienced 8–10-week lead-times to receive the necessary structural components, delaying its originally scheduled efforts at this site. The spring and early summer of 2023 have presented CVW and its subcontractor with several weather delays impacting site accessibility and maintenance window cutover efforts, along with unworkable ground conditions that have prohibited New Horizons Telecom from adhering to the previously submitted schedule. The weather continued impacting the fall of 2023 construction activities, causing delays with site accessibility and maintenance window cutover efforts. Permitting delays, at the Eyak Lake and Heney Ridge sites have also impacted CVW's construction timeline. For the Heney Ridge site, the foundation designs have been completed, and the tower steel has been received by its contractor. CVW is awaiting the "spring" thaw, is finalizing coordination with State of Alaska for cutting over their microwave antennas to the new tower and is in coordination with its contractor for crew scheduling, and monitoring for favorable weather windows to allow for helicopter access at the Heney Ridge site for the replacement tower construction activities to commence. While awaiting full funding for the SCR Program, CVW diligently continues its efforts, while financially straining to internally fund these efforts, to prolong enacting the one-year completion deadline obligation of the Supply Chain Proceeding.

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

In December of 2020 and September of 2021, CVW ordered its transmission line cabling and eNode B electronics but has also encountered shipment delays on both its transmission line cabling, as well as portions of its eNode B electronics. Fortunately, CVW has been able to finalize its equipment and material orders, however, the lead-times have been exponentially longer than originally quoted and projected. CVW has continued to experience extended lead-times for the transmission line cabling for its 2023 site builds.

* 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.

CVW is uploading a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress it has made on its Supply Chain Proceeding activities and revised equipment and material lead-times.

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 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 removal process, what estimated percentage of the removal process have you completed?

*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?

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*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?

*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.

While awaiting full funding for the SCRP Program, CVW diligently continues its efforts and is in the process of complying with all requirements of the Supply Chain Proceeding. CVW estimates it is 96.0% complete in completing its Supply Chain Proceeding efforts and is uploading a revised project timeline into the portal to more accurately capture the progress it has made on its Supply Chain Proceeding activities and revised equipment and material lead-times.

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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