

## SCRPS Status Update

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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.

Yes, my company has conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since submittal of the last form. Since June 17% additional progress has been made and that equates to a jump from 17 sites to 19 sites with removal complete. No, my company has not conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. Blue Mountain has commenced preparation for disposal work, inventorying equipment in preparation to send to disposal vendor. We have not completed any disposal work as we are actively in the process of finding a new vendor to assist with this work. We believed we had a vendor located in Florida, but they have been impacted by the hurricane, and as a result we have not been able to reach them and further progress. Blue Mountain is continuing to work to ensure all removed equipment is ready to ship for disposal as soon as possible; we will not know the timeline for disposal until we are able to contract an appropriate vendor. Yes, my company has conducted work on the replacement of covered equipment and services since the submittal of the last form. Since June 17% additional progress has been made and that equates to a jump from 2 sites to 3 sites with replacement work.

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

We are finding that some equipment and services are commercially available, and some are not. We are experiencing challenges due to last minute changes having to be made with our disposal vendor, and supply chain issues and delays getting a new vendor lined up. To move the project forward in light of supply chain challenges, we have had to reallocate internal resources, to largely focus on Rip and Replace. The reallocation of internal resources has adversely impacted existing network operations and forced us to slow down the project. Complications with regards to auditing and integration when replacing equipment caused extended, unexpected outages that added unanticipated work and are contributing to further delays. We are a small company with less than 60 employees. The demands concerning the amount of paperwork and backup information for a company our size has been extremely challenging. Senior leadership driving this project and working with the team have had to spend significantly more time on the paperwork than we could have imagined, leading to further delays. We have reallocated as much of our internal resources as we can to drive this project forward and bring it to a completion, at the expense of other strategic projects we had planned for this time period. Unfortunately we recently discovered the disposal vendors we had anticipated using are not qualified as initially communicated, and finding new disposal vendors has been challenging. We believe we have one in Florida, but have not been able to reach them to confirm their qualifications due to the recent hurricane, leading to additional delays. We are proactively reaching out to additional vendors to be ready in the event our vendor in Florida is unable to complete our disposals. Our updated project timeline has us completing all the removal and replacement of equipment by the end of the year, but the disposal timeline is an unknown until we can connect with, and negotiate with, a qualified vendor.

\* 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.

## 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?

75

\*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?

82

\*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?

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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.

Timeline Deviation: We have not yet met all benchmarks as outlined in the timeline, and we anticipate that the timeline no longer accurately reflects our project plan. Our original timeline slated project completion for October 2022 and this was delayed from the beginning due to the supply chain issues discussed in our prior reports, the extension request that was made, and in this report. In addition, we experienced internal workforce shortages as we had difficulty in filling open positions, as we are a small company in a very rural area of Oregon. Most recently, Blue Mountain has been faced with resuming vendor negotiations to complete disposal work, and discovering that the vendors we anticipated using were not qualified as initially communicated. In addition to Supply chain setbacks, Blue Mountain has found original estimates to be low for work required, due to unanticipated challenges with vendors, auditing and integration. We anticipated being able to complete the project by December of 2024 but, being faced with Disposal vendor setbacks has impacted the intended timeline and we plan to seek an additional extension proactively.

## 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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