

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.

Over the past 90 days, progress on the removal, replacement, and disposal of covered communications equipment has been significantly hindered by unforeseen circumstances. Specifically, the project has been brought to a standstill by a hawk nesting on the Lakewood tower in Eddy County, NM. This tower, flagged as a protected nesting site until the end of August 2024, has prevented us from accessing and removing the equipment. As a result, the critical removal and subsequent disposal of the equipment have been delayed, with plans now shifted to early September once the nesting period concludes.

Despite these challenges, Leaco remains committed to completing the project. The disposal of the removed equipment is on hold, pending the final removal from the Lakewood tower. Given the SCRIP program's provision of only 39.5% of the necessary funds, we plan to conduct a single haul for compliant disposal with ATR to optimize costs and logistics.

To address these delays, we requested and were approved for a six-month extension to January 27, 2025.

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

Equipment was commercially available.

* 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?

95

*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?

*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.

Question 1: No, we are still in the process of complying with all requirements of the Reimbursement program.

Question 2: No, we are 95% complete on the removal of covered equipment, with the Lakewood site remaining.

Question 4: No, we are 0% complete on the disposal of equipment. We are waiting for the Lakewood site's equipment to be removed.

Question 5: No, we will provide an updated timeline once we gain clearance to access the tower.

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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