

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.

No, my company has not conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. We completed removal of equipment in April 2024. Yes, my company has conducted work on the disposal of covered equipment since the submittal of the last form. Our disposal vendor collected the equipment in April 2024. Since the submittal of the last form, we have received confirmation that the equipment was disposed of. However, we have gone back and forth with the disposal vendor and recycler to obtain proper documentation. Over multiple months of communication, we have yet to receive all documentation and confirmation that would ensure Mark Twain Communications Company would be in full compliance with the destruction and certification requirements of the program. Mark Twain staff will continue to ask for necessary information from the vendor and recycler. Until all documentation is received, Mark Twain will not sign off on the work performed and will not pay for the services. Yes, my company has conducted work on the replacement of covered equipment and services since the submittal of the last form. Work has been completed on the replacement cores. Mark Twain staff has attempted to procure replacement microwave equipment. The equipment vendor has confirmed delayed lead times on the microwave radios, leading to delays in the final replacement of equipment eligible for reimbursement through the program. Mark Twain staff has also continued to optimize the network and eliminate significant interference issues with the new equipment. We anticipate the optimization to continue into 2025, past the RRD deadline to ensure the replacement equipment is sufficient to meet the network's need.

*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 have used internal labor and resources to move the project forward, taking away from our other business segments and obligations. We have tried to forecast equipment needs and order early, but we are at the mercy of our suppliers, and they have other customers to take care of. The short time frame of this program is causing supply chain issues and product and service shortages.

* 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.

Mark Twain staff has worked diligently to complete milestones as laid out in the project timeline, taking away valuable resources from other projects and obligations. Equipment delays and a lack of information from the disposal vendor continue to pose a challenge and will likely cause Mark Twain to seek a second extension request. Additionally, the reimbursement, modification and RFI process is unnecessarily burdensome and slow. This has caused a financial strain on our operations and slowed down our progress of the removal and replacement of equipment.

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?

90

*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?

90

*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 originally anticipated the disposal and project completion would be 12/31/2023. Given the labor, service, and equipment shortages, we will not have the disposal or project complete by 12/31/2023. We are still working on obtaining proper disposal documentation and procuring replacement microwave equipment. Mark Twain staff will continue to conduct optimization efforts until the equipment is fully functional within the network.

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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