

## 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. NMU has removed Huawei equipment from 26 sites and continues removing covered customer premise equipment (CPE) devices ahead of the replacement of transmitter site equipment. Yes, my company has conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since submittal of the last form. NMU has completed and received certification for its disposal work on 20 sites. Additional equipment removed from service is stored in a secure facility as it awaits final disposal and certification. Yes, my company has conducted work on the removal of covered equipment since submittal of the last form. NMU has completed the installation of equipment at 30 sites and continues to replace covered CPE devices on a regular basis. Additionally, the University continues its work with multiple tower replacement projects in preparation for the replacement of covered equipment.

\*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 experienced some delays with obtaining CPE devices, which are needed in several areas as we transition from FDD to TDD. These CPE-related delays are delaying the transition at several sites as the CPEs need to be replaced before we can remove and replace the RAN equipment.

\* 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.

NMU remains concerned that the lack of full SCRP funding will increase equipment and service prices for sites not yet scheduled for replacement. Without approval of full SCRP funding, it is likely that we will have to pause project-related activities in the upcoming months. Vendors have communicated to NMU that a pause in its project activities due to the lack of full funding will likely result in personnel changes as they scale construction activities to match the sites available for replacement. The remobilization of engineering, planning, and construction teams will add further delays to the project should replacements resume at a later date.

In addition to increasing the overall project cost, this unanticipated replacement pause will make it difficult, if not impossible, for NMU to provide uninterrupted service to its existing customers, which could lead to approximately 2,000 customers losing broadband access across Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

## 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?

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\*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?

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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:** The lack of full program funding continues to prevent NMU from meeting its project timeline, as the University does not have the resources to purchase equipment and schedule removal, replacement, and disposal services at all of its sites. The partial funding allocated by the SCRIP has caused NMU to establish a site replacement priority schedule, placing many sites on hold until full funding is approved. This phased project funding has led to delays in the timeline and will likely result in higher costs due to inflation and project management re-mobilization requirements should there be a lapse in construction activities.

While NMU continues to find most equipment and services to be generally available, construction schedules continue to be impacted by unexpected tower modifications and delays caused by 3rd party reviews necessary for construction services at sites not owned by Northern Michigan University. NMU has also experienced delays performing CPE swaps required by its switch from FDD to TDD due to device firmware issues. These equipment changes are required before selected tower site hardware changes can be made, adding to the time required to complete this project. Supply chain and production delays related to CPE devices has prevented us from swapping the CPE devices on the network as quickly as we anticipated. Due to these concerns, NMU anticipates that additional extensions will be required in order to complete the project as proposed.

## 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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