

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

General Information

1. Federal Agency and Organizational Element to Which Report is Submitted Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570054	3. DUNS Number 831445494
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4. Recipient Organization

Page County Broadband Authority 117 South Court Street, Luray, VA 22835-1224

5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 12-31-2011	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
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7. Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that this report is correct and complete for performance of activities for the purposes set forth in the award documents.

7a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Certifying Official Martha Shickle	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) X
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7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 02-29-2012
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Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).
 In July the PCBA worked diligently with the incumbent electric cooperative and construction partner Shentel to negotiate make ready costs for the aerial construction. No agreement could be reached, and since August the PCBA and Shentel have worked to develop a modification of the project that would meet the grant objectives, build last mile fiber to critical CAIs, be completed within the grant budget and deployed in a timely fashion. Three designs were reviewed and the final design submitted to NTIA as a project modification request and Performance Improvement Plan in December 2011. All reporting was submitted timely, regular phone meetings with NTIA officials were held, and the PCBA held technical and authority meetings twice monthly to monitor the project.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

	Milestone	Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or subsequent written updates provided to your program officer)
2a.	Overall Project	8	Variance due to project on hold pending NTIA approval of project modification. High make ready estimate from incumbent electric cooperative forcing redesign to reduce fiber deployment and to move some areas of construction from aerial to underground. Project drawdown variance due to design engineering not billed yet by contracted construction firm because of pending redesign approval.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	No Variance: anticipate EA amendment needed after NTIA approval of project modification.
2c.	Network Design	50	A redesign is necessary because of high make ready for proposed aerial construction. Redesign required to substitute microwave backhaul for fiber back haul between communities. Original design was complete as of last reporting period. This variance to our baseline is a result of design delays arising from high make-ready and pole attachment costs requiring a new design to avoid these poles.
2d.	Rights of Way	50	Variance: Execution of agreement with incumbent electric cooperative pending project modification approval from NTIA. Have completed negotiations with Towns to lease space for point of presence facilities. Pre-permitting discussions held with VA DOT in anticipation of underground work proposed.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	60	Variance: Pending redesign will require permitting with VDOT for underground in previously proposed aerial areas. No water permits needed and only 2 railroad crossing permits needed. Permitting activities will begin following NTIA approval of project modification.
2f.	Site Preparation	0	N/A
2g.	Equipment Procurement	0	Variance: Purchase of equipment and construction materials is on hold pending NTIA approval of project modification to be submitted in December 2011.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	1	Variance: The network build is on hold pending NTIA approval of a project modification. Modification submitted estimates construction of the network to begin following environmental assessment amendment. Only the facility in Luray has been constructed (facility only no equipment).
2i.	Equipment Deployment	0	Purchase of equipment and construction materials is on hold pending NTIA approval of project modification to be submitted in October 2011.
2j.	Network Testing	0	Variance: The network build is on hold pending NTIA approval of a project modification. Modification submitted estimates construction of the network to begin following environmental assessment amendment and network testing to follow construction of the network.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	No Variance.

3. To the extent not covered above, please describe any challenges or issues faced during this past quarter in achieving planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

PCBA experienced significant cost estimate overruns associated with a high-make ready estimate for pole attachments provided by the Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative (SVEC) for aerial construction on their utility infrastructure. The estimate received for the original network design totaled \$2.6 million, and the cooperative has been unwilling to reduce this high estimate forcing a project modification request. Since August 2011, the PCBA and Shentel worked to develop a revised design that minimized the use of SVEC poles through installation of a combination of aerial and buried fiber for distribution within the Towns and microwave links for long haul transport between the Towns. As a result of these delays, the PCBA was asked to submit a response to the Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) to NTIA in December, 2011 as well as a project modification request. We anticipate response to the request in January, 2012 and update the project schedule accordingly if approved by NTIA.

4. Please report the following information regarding network build progress. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (600 words or less).

Indicator	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
New network miles deployed	0	Due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not deployed any new network miles.
New network miles leased	0	No Variance
Existing network miles upgraded	0	No Variance
Existing network miles leased	0	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	0	Due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not deployed any new fiber (aerial or underground).
Number of new wireless links	0	No Variance
Number of new towers	0	Variance: Awaiting project modification approval from NTIA that removes tower construction from this project.
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	0	Variance: The Point of presence interconnection point in Luray has been constructed but no equipment has been deployed for an interconnection to Shentel (provider partner). Awaiting project modification approval from NTIA.

For questions 5 and 6 please include information relating to agreements that you are negotiating or have entered into, or that your sub recipient, contractor or subcontractor is negotiating or entered into.

5a. If applicable, please provide the following information with regard to agreements with broadband wholesalers and/or last mile providers as a result of your project.

Indicators	
Number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	1
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	0
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	40

5b. Please list the names of the wholesale and last mile providers with whom you have signed agreements (100 words or less). Providers: Shenandoah Long Distance Company (Shentel)--a wholesale broadband provider. The variance in the baseline in the number of last mile providers signed up in Q3-2011 (baseline was 3) is due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments. The PCBA was directed to submit a Project Improvement Plan (PIP) to NTIA in October 2011 and subsequently submitted a Project Modification Request in December 2011. At this time, PCBA has not signed up any new providers during this modification process. It is anticipated that that agreements will be negotiated in Q1 & Q2-2012 pending approval of the Project Modification request.

5c. What wholesale services are being provided by this project? Please describe below. As an attachment to this report, please provide pricing plans (in \$ per month) associated with each wholesale service provided by your product (100 words or less). Wholesale services description:

No services established at this time, network has not yet been constructed. Awaiting project modification approval from NTIA.

5d. If you have designated a third party to operate all or a portion of your network, please provide the name and contact information for this third party, indicate if this entity is a sub recipient, contractor, and/or subcontractor, and describe with specificity the portion of your network this this third party operates (600 words or less).

Shentel will operate all of the Page County Broadband Authority network as contractor. Lease agreement includes all maintenance required on the network infrastructure and operating equipment.

Contact: James Funkhouser (james.funkhouser@emp.shentel.com)

6. Please provide the data according to the type of subscriber. Write "0" in the Total column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not pass or serve a particular subscriber type. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the most recent reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the total is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
Broadband Wholesalers or Last Mile Providers	Providers with signed agreements receiving new access	1	Lease Agreement signed, network not yet constructed
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	Variance due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not signed up any new providers as a result of this modification process.
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	Lease Agreement signed, network not yet constructed
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	0	Variance in baseline due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not connected any CAI's as a result of this modification process.
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	Variance in baseline due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not connected any CAI's as a result of this modification process.
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	Variance in baseline due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and has at this time not connected any CAI's as a result of this modification process.
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number or subscribers for each	0	N/A
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A

Subscriber Type	Access Type	Total	Narrative (describe your reasons for any variance from the baseline plan or any other relevant information)
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A
Businesses	Entities passed	0	N/A
	Total subscribers served	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	N/A
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	0	N/A

7. Please describe any special offerings you may provide (600 words or less).

Network has not yet been constructed

8a. Have your network management practices changed over the last quarter? Yes No

8b. If so, please describe the changes (300 words or less).

N/A

9. Community Anchor Institutions:

Using the table below, please provide a list by service area of the community anchor institutions (including Government institutions) connected to your network as a result of BTOP funds. Figures should be reported for the most recent reporting quarter only (NOT cumulatively). Also indicate whether your organization is currently providing broadband service to the anchor institution. Finally, provide a short narrative description with examples of how institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure (300 words or less).

Institution Name	Service Area (town or county)	Type of Anchor Institution (as defined in your baseline)	Are you also the broadband service provider for this institution? (Yes / No)	Narrative description of how anchor institutions are using BTOP-funded infrastructure
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Network not yet constructed

Project Indicators (Next Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments planned for completion during the next quarter (600 words or less).

Point of presence facilities will be set in place and agreements complete with all of the Towns for ground leases. The pole attachment agreement between the electric utility and the Authority will be complete. Designs will be finalized and make ready negotiations complete. Reconsultation with environmental agencies will be initiated and a project modification request submitted for approval. The construction contractor will be selected, under contract, and a wage determination request submitted to the NTIA/Dept of Labor liaison as necessary. Permitting will be resubmitted where necessary. It is anticipated that for the next quarter there will be no new network miles deployed, no new network miles leased, no CAI's will be connected and there will be no increase in the number of signed agreements with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers.

2. Please provide the percent complete for the following key milestones in your project. Write "0" in the Planned Percent Complete column and "N/A" in the Narrative column if your project does not include this activity. If you provided additional milestones in your baseline plan, please insert them at the bottom of the table. Unless otherwise indicated in the instructions, figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the next reporting quarter. Please provide a narrative description if the percent complete is different from the target provided in your baseline plan (300 words or less).

Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2a. Overall Project	29	Variance: During the next quarter it is anticipated that a revised design will be approved by NTIA and reconsultation for an environmental assessment amendment will be complete with final construction design by the construction contractor Shentel.

	Milestone	Planned Percent Complete	Narrative (describe reasons for any variance from baseline plan or any other relevant information)
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Variance expected: This project's environmental assessment will be amended to remove tower construction, replace fiber backhaul with microwave, and move some areas of fiber construction from aerial to underground. No historic buildings will be modified, no new CAI last mile construction is proposed, and the underground construction will occur within department of transportation or town rights of way. During this quarter reinitiation of environmental consultations will be in progress. Anticipated completion of the new EA is anticipated before the end of Q1 2012.
2c.	Network Design	100	Variance: Baseline predicted original design at 100% completion by end of Qtr 4. Pending timely approval by NTIA of the project modification, redesign of portions of network changing from aerial to underground construction will be completed as significant portions of the design completed to date will not change.
2d.	Rights of Way	100	No variance. Work will be in progress for solidifying pole agreement with electric cooperative and VDOT ROW due to a deployment modification. Anticipated completion of these agreements by the end of Q1-2012.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	100	No variance: Permitting in progress with VDOT for areas changed to underground deployment, and two railroad crossing permits will be complete.
2f.	Site Preparation	0	No Variance
2g.	Equipment Procurement	50	Variance: Some materials have already been procured by the contractor that would not be affected by the proposed modification. No further equipment will be purchased until design is complete, anticipate final procurement to occur Qtr 2 2012.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	1	Variance: No construction can be started until approval received, anticipate receiving Qtr 1 2012.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	0	Variance in baseline due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a final project modification to NTIA in December 2011.
2j.	Network Testing	0	Variance: no network construction anticipated during this quarter due to delays in the completion of the network design as a result of the high make-ready cost associated with pole attachments, the PCBA was requested to submit a final project modification to NTIA in December 2011 and anticipates only having the design complete by the end of Q1-2012 with construction slated to begin in Q2-2012.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

3. Please describe any challenges or issues anticipated during the next quarter that may impact planned progress against the project milestones listed above. In particular, please identify any areas or issues where technical assistance from the BTOP program may be useful (600 words or less).

Since Q2 the PCBA has developed a network redesign, including route modifications (aerial/buried fiber), a revised project schedule and a revised project budget. The PCBA and our partner, the Shenandoah Long Distance Company (Shentel) believes that this network redesign meets the original intent of the grant award criteria and can be completed during the existing grant contract period. the PCBA is committed to moving forward as soon as project modification approval is received. The project modification request submitted to NTIA on October 19, 2011 anticipated review and final PIP submission in December 2011. To the extent that approval is received timely, the PCBA intends to immediately begin reconsultation for an environmental assessment amendment for areas previously described as aerial that are moving to underground. During this time, final design for construction will be completed.

Infrastructure Budget Execution Details

Activity Based Expenditures (Infrastructure)

1. Please provide details below on your total budget, cumulative actual expenditures (for the period ending the current quarter), and cumulative anticipated expenditures (for the period ending next quarter) for each line item, including detailed disbursements of both matching funds and federal funds from project inception through end of this quarter (actual) or next quarter (anticipated). Actual and anticipated figures should be reported cumulatively from award inception to the end of the applicable reporting quarter.

Budget for Entire Project				Actuals from Project Inception through End of Current Reporting Period			Anticipated Actuals from Project Inception through End of Next Reporting Period		
Cost Classification	Total Cost (plan)	Matching Funds (plan)	Federal Funds (plan)	Total Cost	Matching Funds	Federal Funds	Total Costs	Matching Funds	Federal Funds
a. Administrative and legal expenses	\$320,362	\$64,073	\$256,289	\$126,342	\$25,109	\$101,233	\$142,000	\$28,400	\$113,600
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$374,522	\$74,904	\$299,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$188,825	\$37,765	\$151,060	\$37,117	\$7,423	\$29,694	\$44,500	\$8,900	\$35,600
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
f. Project inspection fees	\$82,500	\$16,500	\$66,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$82,500	\$16,500	\$66,000
g. Site work	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
h. Demolition and removal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
i. Construction	\$453,730	\$90,746	\$362,984	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
j. Equipment	\$641,237	\$128,247	\$512,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$320,619	\$64,124	\$256,495
k. Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$2,061,176	\$412,235	\$1,648,941	\$163,459	\$32,532	\$130,927	\$589,619	\$117,924	\$471,695
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$2,061,176	\$412,235	\$1,648,941	\$163,459	\$32,532	\$130,927	\$589,619	\$117,924	\$471,695

2. Program Income: Please provide the program income you listed in your application budget and actuals to date through the end of the reporting period.

a. Application Budget Program Income: \$0

b. Program Income to Date: \$0