




## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>) Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative 73233 State Route 70 Portola, CA 96122</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570125</p>
<p>3. Performance Narrative (Q1) <i>Please describe your project activities and progress for the first quarter of your award period. This should include a description of federal expenditures to date, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any delays or challenges. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperatives (PSREC) grant project activities for quarter 1 focused on work related to acceptance of the grant award, the beginning of the required environmental assessment work and related network design. Specifically as related to the overall project, PSREC established their project management office, identified their core management team for the project, and set-up/registered for all related federal systems needed for Grant Administration. PSREC also started work as related to the environmental assessment which included map preparation for required scoping packets for state and federal agencies project notification, meeting with the Governor's Office and CA state agencies on EA timelines, drafting scoping documents and project description, and performing field review. PSREC's related work in the area of network design included initiating field work for route determination along HWY 395 and identifying node site locations. We did not encounter any project delays in quarter 1.</p> <p>The total project expenditures for the first quarter totaled \$167,161. The 80% federal portion of the project expenditures amounts to \$133,729. Of the total project expenditures, this includes \$88,978 for costs incurred as part of the application development, as outlined in the NOFA. Costs were also incurred for project management, primarily in relation to the various reporting requirements and the kick-off of the project. Costs were also incurred for the environmental study and plan and there was a minimal amount of legal expenses.</p>	
<p>4. Performance Projections (Q2) <i>Please describe your anticipated project activities and progress for the next quarter. This should include a description of federal expenditures, key milestones, the primary activities needed to accomplish those milestones, significant project accomplishments, and any potential delays or challenges you foresee. Please use the milestone categories provided in your baseline report (e.g., environmental assessment, design, rights of way) to structure your answer. (500 words or less)</i></p> <p>Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperatives (PSREC) grant project activities for quarter 2 focuses on work related to the overall project, the environmental assessment, network design, rights of way, and construction permits. Specifically as related to the project, work includes filing for CLEC (Competitive Local Exchange Carrier) status in both California and Nevada, and preparing reports as required for grant compliance. Work will continue on the Environmental assessment which will include: map preparation for scoping packets, final scoping packets sent to state agencies and tribal entities, follow up with all agencies, documentation of comments from agencies, CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission) coordination of NEPA/CEQA (National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act) documents, conducting Class 1 Cultural Literature search, initiate/ongoing coordination with state and federal agencies, conducting a Habitat Assessment Survey, conducting any Class III Cultural Field surveys (if applicable), data gathering of resources present, drafting the Environmental Assessment, and completing resource field studies and reports. PSREC's work related to network design includes: Surveying Railroad and CalTrans (California Department of Transportation) overhead crossing for clearance, determining final route and mapping, GPS (Global Positioning System) of key route locations,</p>	

overhead pole engineering field work, design of trench/boring of Hwy 395 underground portion of project, Professional Engineer review of underground engineering design, conclude exploration of any available conduit and joint use possibilities. In the area of Rights of Way work - preparation of NDOT (Nevada Department of Transportation) and CalTrans permit and exceptions documents will be performed. For construction permits PSREC will initiate contact with county and city agencies for permits and acquire the permits needed for the project. Potential delays or challenges in this quarter could be weather as it pertains to related environmental work that needs to be done (ie. surveys, etc.) - as well as the potential for agency permit processing delays.

The estimated total expenditures for Q2 total \$1,005,948. Based on the milestone categories in the Baseline Report, the focus is on project management and consultant costs primarily related to the environmental assessment. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be costs of \$169,093 related to Network Design; \$90,000 for Rights of Way; and \$17,550 for Construction Permits. The previously noted costs are based on totals for the project. The federal portion of the expenditures would be 80%.

**5. 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.**

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