

FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010



1. Recipient Organization (Name and complete address including zip code) Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 190, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026	2. Award Identification Number NT10BIX5570145
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> Ute Tribe BTOP Fiber Project Q1 report. Activites: The first quarter accomplishments for the Ute Tribe Fiber project have to date been limited to receiving and accepting the BTOP grant. We are currently spending considerable time for planning and getting our organization prepared to comply with the grant requirements. Planning sessions include the Environmental webinar, the desk review which covered special award conditions. We have responding to all special award conditions and are prepared to meet these requirements. We have and attending the reporting webinar. We have also sent the required initial environmental assessments requirements (maps and summary) to NTIA. Budget: As of this report we have not spent any budgeted BTOP or Tribal Match monies. Significant project milestones: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmental assessment – We have filed the required summary items to get this project started. We will be hiring a project manager that will task this milestone. They will be responsible for working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ute Tribe Cultural Rights and Preservations, Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife, and the Ute Tribe department of Right of Ways.• Hiring a project Manager – The job description has been written and posted with the Ute Tribe HR department. We have several good candidates and hope to fill this position early in the next quarter.• Route Planning and verification – As we get feedback from the ongoing environmental assessment we will be working with engineers to discuss any alternative routes or changes to routes that may be necessary. We do not for see any major changes. However, we are working in conjunction with engineers, as we conduct the environmental assessment. We feel this will reduce any delay should route changes be necessary. Delays\Challenges: The challenge that we are likely to face is the cold weather and snow that this region experiences. This may postpone outside work, but we do not believe it will delay the overall project. We simply might have to do some of the end preparation work during the cold winter months to prepare for spring when we can actually start to lay fiber.	
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>	

Performance Projections (Q2).

Activities:

We will be setting up accounts and budgets within our software systems and working with accounting to verify that we comply with the grants requirements to track and report on grant monies and purchases.

ARRA required signage will be procured and posted.

We will be sending a grants specialist, a grants reporter, and project manager to attend the BTOP conference in Washington DC. We will be interviewing and hiring a person to fill the project lead/manager for this project and we will be working with them to get them up to speed. That person will then be working with all the required agencies to fulfill the Special Award Condition of an environmental study. We will also be keeping the engineer's up to speed with any potential significant impacts.

We believe it will be possible during this quarter to comply with the project timeline and plan, including the verification of all Rights-of-Ways, and easements requirements.

We hope to be able to solidify a project route and engineering plan so that we can begin to the Request for Quote process.

Budget: We will begin to fund salaries to at least one employee, as well as expend money to engineers, environment and technical. We will be completing payment for Grant accusation and re-imbursement for travel requirements. We also foresee that we will be making some purchase during the end of this first quarter. We believe that these expenditures will be in line with the 10% (\$205,102.10) of total budget, which is in line with the application time-line.

Delay's\Challenges – We do not for see any significant delays. Route changes could be an issue; so we want to tackle any potential route changes as early as possible. Weather and how far into spring the ground is frozen will potentially be an issue. We are planning for the worst and hoping for the best. We will have a work plan in place to accommodate for either scenario.

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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