



## FIRST PERFORMANCE PROGRESS REPORT 2010

<p>1. Recipient Organization (<i>Name and complete address including zip code</i>)          Ronan Telephone Company          312 Main Street SW, Ronan, MT 59864</p>	<p>2. Award Identification Number          NT10BIX5570148</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><i>Quarter ending 09/30/2010</i>          There have been no federal expenditures to date. Administration activities such as identifying relevant management personnel, and engaging the necessary departments for award progress tracking, management, and reporting have been accomplished. We have engaged an Environmental Assessment Consultant, and are in the process of finalizing our fiber routes so that we can deliver this document to the BTOP Environmental team as well as to our EA consultant.          Discussions have been opened with the two Native American tribes in our project concerning rights of way, and employment opportunities for tribal members as part of our installation teams.</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><i>Quarter ending 12/31/2010</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Order equipment for outside plant and wireless and routing hardware with scheduled delivery consistent for availability 30 days prior to need per project schedule. This will allow for hardware assembly and checkout of heavy equipment, plows, boring machines and routers and switches prior to use in the field. Expenditures for this equipment will total \$4,316.305 per grant submittal, and will be staged throughout the implementation schedule when needed and as outlined in the project plan.</li> <li>2. Select and train installation teams from both tribes in the deployment area. This will involve expenditures of \$118,800 per grant submittal. Training will start on 11/29/2010 and is scheduled to complete on 01/21/2011.</li> <li>3. Work with the BTOP environmental team and our environmental consultant to obtain a final EA report and finalize the fiber route. Q2 EA consultant progress payments will be \$14,625.</li> <li>4. As the route is finalized, obtain all necessary rights of way for the project on the affected reservations, the Department of Transportation, the relevant counties, cities, and towns, and Forest Service and any other governmental entity where necessary.</li> <li>5. Funds for EA consultant progress payments, the purchase of equipment and training of the installation teams will come from a pre-EA 6 month budget request being developed.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>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.</b></p>	
<p>5a. Typed or Printed Name and Title of Authorized Certifying Official           Gerald Beeks, Director New Business</p>	<p>5c. Telephone (<i>area code, number and extension</i>)          406-676-9215</p> <p>5d. Email Address          beeks@ronan.net</p>
<p>5b. Signature of Authorized Certifying Official</p>	<p>5e. Date Report Submitted (<i>Month, Day, Year</i>)</p>

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