

RECIPIENT NAME:DCN, LLC

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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 NT10BIX5570090	3. DUNS Number 615928405
4. Recipient Organization DCN, LLC 3901 Great Plains Dr South, Fargo, ND 58104-3916		
5. Current Reporting Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY) 09-30-2011	6. Is this the last Report of the Award Period? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
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 Kayla Shafer KLJ Engineering	7c. Telephone (area code, number and extension) 7013558701	
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7b. Signature of Certifying Official Submitted Electronically	7e. Date Report Submitted (MM/DD/YYYY): 11-21-2011	

Project Indicators (This Quarter)

1. Please describe significant project accomplishments completed during this quarter (600 words or less).
 90% design complete for Bismarck and Mandan, ND sites. Construction is proceeding in Bismarck. SRT Communications sites have been awarded and construction has begun. Northwest Communications Cooperative sites designed and awarded, but waiting for construction to start. DCT sites awarded and construction begun.

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	4	Behind schedule due to Environmental Assessment. See #3 below.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	Complete
2c.	Network Design	50	Behind schedule due to Environmental Assessment. See #3 below.
2d.	Rights of Way	60	On schedule
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	60	On schedule
2f.	Site Preparation	0	N/A
2g.	Equipment Procurement	15	Behind schedule; not an issue at this point. See #3 below.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc)	12	Behind schedule. See #3 below.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	0	Behind schedule; not an issue at this point. See #3 below.
2j.	Network Testing	0	Behind schedule. See #3 below.
2k.	Other (please specify):	0	N/A

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).
 The project is moving forward and is behind schedule with outside plant (cable) work due to extra work and delay in responding to TCNS comments. DCN has received our FONSI. Equipment procurement is not an issue as far as schedule since we need fiber cable to turn up at sites. (We have shifted this equipment schedule.) We will try to make up some of the lost time to the EA, however the weather is still a factor. Fiber may be an issue be we have the majority for 2011. We have enough time in our schedule to make this up in 2012 by providing more construction resources.

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	10	Due to delay in EA
New network miles leased	0	N/A
Existing network miles upgraded	0	Due to delay in EA
Existing network miles leased	1,388	N/A
Number of miles of new fiber (aerial or underground)	10	Due to delay in EA
Number of new wireless links	0	N/A
Number of new towers	0	N/A
Number of new and/or upgraded interconnection points	0	N/A

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	17
Number of agreements currently being negotiated with broadband wholesalers or last mile providers	0
Average term of signed agreements (in quarters)	30

5b. Please list the names of the wholesale and last mile providers with whom you have signed agreements (100 words or less). Providers:
 Last Mile Providers: BEK Communications, United Telephone Mutual Aide Corporation, Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative, Midstate Telephone Company, Moore & Liberty/Griggs County Telephone, North Dakota Telephone Company, Northwest Communications Cooperative, Polar Communications Mutual Aid, Inter-Community Telephone Company, Reservation Telephone Cooperative, SRT Communications, Consolidated Telecom Company, Red River Telephone, West River Telecommunications, Dickey Rural, Idea One, and Midstate Communications.

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:
 Last Mile Providers: BEK Communications, United Telephone Mutual Aide Corporation, Dakota Central Telecommunications Cooperative, Midstate Telephone Company, Moore & Liberty/Griggs County Telephone, North Dakota Telephone Company, Northwest Communications Cooperative, Polar Communications Mutual Aid, Inter-Community Telephone Company, Reservation Telephone Cooperative, SRT Communications, Consolidated Telecom Company, Red River Telephone, West River Telecommunications, Dickey Rural, Idea One, and Midstate Communications.

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).
 DCN does not have a designated third party to operate the network.

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	0	N/A
	Providers with signed agreements receiving improved access	0	N/A
	Providers with signed agreements receiving access to dark fiber	0	N/A
	Please identify the speed tiers that are available and the number of subscribers for each	5	On schedule. Note speeds are 5 mbps, 10 mbps, 20 mbps, 50 mbps and 100 mbps
Community Anchor Institutions (including Government institutions)	Total subscribers served	0	Late start due to EA. Connections should start in Nov. 2011.
	Subscribers receiving new access	0	Late start due to EA
	Subscribers receiving improved access	0	Late start due to EA

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 or subscribers for each	5	On schedule. Note speeds are 5 mbps, 10 mbps, 20 mbps, 50 mbps and 100 mbps
Residential / Households	Entities passed	0	No varriations
	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
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).

At this time no special offerings will be made.

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	N/A

Project Indicators (Next Quarter)

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

Started cable placement. Stared construction in Bismarck and Fargo area. SRT and DCT construction started. New network miles deployed is 20 total. New network miles leased is not applicable. Total CAI subscribers served is eight. Number of wholesale/ last mile providers is 17.

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	20	Behind schedule due to EA. Construction will shift to 2012 but will finish before deadline.
2b.	Environmental Assessment	100	On schedule
2c.	Network Design	60	On schedule
2d.	Rights of Way	60	Behind schedule due to EA. Construction will shift to 2012 but finish before deadline.
2e.	Construction Permits and Other Approvals	60	On schedule
2f.	Site Preparation	0	N/A
2g.	Equipment Procurement	50	Behind schedule due to EA. Construction will shift to 2012 but finish before deadline.
2h.	Network Build (all components - owned, leased, IRU, etc.)	20	Behind schedule due to EA. Construction will shift to 2012 but finish before deadline.
2i.	Equipment Deployment	40	Behind schedule due to EA. Construction will shift to 2012 but finish before deadline.
2j.	Network Testing	0	On schedule
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).

Weather may be an issue due to the late construction start. We do not have many construction days left in 2011. We will shut down outside construction in November due to the weather.

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$355,687	\$106,706	\$248,981	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$30,000	\$70,000
c. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
d. Architectural and engineering fees	\$627,682	\$188,305	\$439,377	\$165,172	\$49,552	\$115,620	\$230,000	\$69,000	\$161,000
e. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$167,377	\$50,213	\$117,164	\$82,470	\$24,741	\$57,729	\$110,000	\$33,000	\$77,000
f. Project inspection fees	\$941,506	\$282,452	\$659,054	\$777	\$233	\$544	\$70,000	\$21,000	\$49,000
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	\$9,860,644	\$2,958,193	\$6,902,451	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$510,000	\$1,190,000
j. Equipment	\$3,448,757	\$1,034,627	\$2,414,130	\$391,309	\$117,393	\$273,916	\$800,000	\$240,000	\$560,000
k. Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
l. SUBTOTAL (add a through k)	\$15,401,653	\$4,620,496	\$10,781,157	\$639,728	\$191,919	\$447,809	\$3,010,000	\$903,000	\$2,107,000
m. Contingencies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
n. TOTALS (sum of l and m)	\$15,401,653	\$4,620,496	\$10,781,157	\$639,728	\$191,919	\$447,809	\$3,010,000	\$903,000	\$2,107,000

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
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