Verizon Maryland LLC, FY23 St. Mary's County, 2024 4th Q Progress Report

Executive Summary:

The agreement between the DHCD OSB Maryland and Verizon Maryland LLC for FY23 St. Mary's County was signed in the 4th Q 2023, on October 25, 2023. Since signature, Verizon focused engineering efforts on central office and outside plant engineering for Ridge and Lexington Park, the two offices involved in this project. The engineering team completed central office planning, ordered all required central office equipment, completed feeder route and distribution design for the Lexington Park and Ridge wire centers. A total of 92 miles of new fiber has been designed. Construction teams have placed a total of 45.6 new fiber miles program to date.

Work Accomplished:

Central office optical line terminal (OLT) equipment installation completed in the Lexington Park and Ridge central offices during the 3rd Q 2024. Remaining work includes the testing and turn up of central office equipment for both the Ridge and Lexington Park offices.

Feeder route and distribution design are 100% complete in Lexington Park and Ridge. A total of 8.5 miles of new fiber has been designed during the 4th quarter of 2024 bringing the program total to 92 fiber miles designed.

Construction activity continued in St Mary's County during the 4th 2024. A total of 28.6 miles of new fiber was placed during this timeframe. Remaining work includes the placing, splicing and testing of all remaining feeder and distribution fiber and hubs.

A total of 49 awarded addresses have service availability for FiOS service up to 1 Gig service.

Problems Encountered:

None to report.

Expenditures:

Total expenditures of \$1,575,431 were incurred during the 4th Q 2024. Of the total amount, \$54,546 was spent on Inside Plant (ISP) Costs with \$0 spent on equipment and \$54,546 was spent on labor. Also, a total of \$1,520,886 was spent on OSP costs, with \$1,1,92,025 spent on labor and \$328,861 spent on material.

The current State Grant balance is \$2,067,726. This is 100% of the original awarded grant, as no payment requests have been made or processed.

Risk Assessment:

None to report.

Performance Metrics:

28.6 miles of new fiber was placed during the 4th Q 2024.

Future Plans (1st Q 2025):

Central office equipment testing and turn up is scheduled for the 1st quarter 2025.

Construction activity of placing, splicing and testing feeder fiber will continue in St. Mary's County during the 1st quarter of 2025. Multi-gig service availability at awarded addresses is expected in the 1st quarter 2025.