

Ability to Function in Emergency Situations

First Step Internet, LLC (“First Step”) has at least four hours of back up battery power at each cell site, backup generators at each microwave hub, and at least five hours back up battery power and backup generators at each switch. FSI will have the ability to remain functional in emergency situations as required by FCC rules. Specifically, FSI will have adequate amounts of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, and FSI maintains a redundant middle-mile/backbone network with redundant paths and network rings. Power outage protection is available at all site either by means of significant battery backup or gas-powered generators.