October 13, 2017

Appeal to update an Item 21 to add an entity to a Form 471 FRN.

Form 471 # 171031097  
FRN 1799067616.001  
FCDL – 7/21/2017  
Form 486 – 7/24/2017  
Clinton SD – BEN 120241

Explanation

As outlined in the email correspondence (attached), the school was funded for Internet access service at $5,147.00 per month for two of its entities:

1. Clinton HS – Billed Entity Number (BEN) 552
2. Clinton MS – BEN 553

See service contract, attached.

When we filed the application, we made a clerical error and did not list BEN 553 (Clinton MS) as one of the recipients for that service on FRN 1799067616.001. We only listed BEN 552.

We were not made aware of this until today when the service provider (CELT) was advised of the situation by the SLD’s reimbursement staff. If we were aware, we would have requested the additional BEN during the review process as an allowable RAL M&C correction.

Accordingly, we contacted USAC’s Customer Service to inquire how to add the second BEN to this FRN, and their response was to file an Appeal (see their email). However, since the FCDL was dated 7/21/2017, we are past the 60-day window to file an appeal, and so we’re instructed to contact the FCC for a waiver of the appeal deadline.

The importance to the school is that they would lose approximately half of the funding for this particular FRN (about $25,000 after their discount), a burden in this era of decreasing e-rate funding.

Thank you for your consideration, and let me know if you have additional questions.

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