

**Before the Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

February 1, 2018

In the Matter of

Schools and Libraries Universal Service
Support Mechanism

Request for Review of a Decision of the
Universal Service Administration by

Doral Academy Charter High School

CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Review

Appellant Name: Doral Academy Charter High School

Billed Entity Number: 16050864

For 471: 898916

Funding Request Numbers: 2455807

Service Providers:

FPL FiberNet, LLC – SPIN 143033075

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Introduction:

The funding commitment must be rescinded in full because Doral Academy Charter High School did not have a contract in place at the time of the submission of the FCC Form 471. Per the Funding Commitment Adjustment Report, "FCC Rules require applications to have a valid contract as defined by the applicants state procurement laws and regulations at the time they submit the FCC Form 471."

Summary

On February 5, 2012 Doral Academy Charter High School posted their 470 application. The Schools allowable contract date was 2/14/13. After waiting the mandatory 28 days, the school weighed all bids against their vendor selection criteria and selected the most cost effective vendor. This vendor was FPL FiberNet, LLC.

On 3/7/13 the school had a meeting and decided to go with FPL, they were the most cost effective vendor, this was the day they made their vendor selection decision. Then on 3/11/13 the school filed their 471 application. The school filed that application with a vendor signed contract as of 3/13/13. This was a clerical error, one that a typist might make. The signed date should have been 3/7/13, the day they selected their vendor.

Argument:

1. We contend this is an M&C error on the part of the signer. They actually should have signed the contract as of the date of the decision 3/7/13.
2. Doral Academy Charter High School allowable contract date was on 2/14/13. After waiting the mandatory 28 days, the school weighed all bids against their vendor selection criteria and selected the most cost effective vendor. This Vendor was FPL FiberNet, LLC. There was no waste fraud or abuse.
3. On 3/11/13 the school filed their 471 application. The school filed that application with a vendor signed contract as of 3/13/13 (this was a clerical error and it should have been 3/7/13). This is the day that the school selected their provider. The date on the contract submitted to USAC was 3/13/13. This was a clerical error, one that a typist might make. The signed date should have been 3/7/13.
4. Doral Academy Charter High School selected the most cost effective vendor and should not be punished for a clerical error. There was no waste fraud or abuse, simply a typographical error.
5. Pursuant to the Order FCC 11-60, released on April 14, 2011, and the Bishop Perry Order, the applicant should be awarded the opportunity to correct these clerical errors. We argue that we should be awarded the opportunity to correct this date.

6. Mistakes happen and the FCC and USAC have established precedent to correct these mistakes.
7. Finally, we would argue, even if the Commission doesn't view this as a clerical error, FPL FiberNet was the most cost effective vendors, pursuant to our vendor selection process and there was no waste fraud or abuse. To deny this funding would put undue strain on the school whom otherwise followed all e-rate rules.


Summary

Doral Academy Charter High School made a clerical error when having their contract signed. They therefore filed with an incorrect date. However, they followed all e-rate rules leading up to this and did in fact select the most cost effective vendor.

There is no waste fraud or abuse, just a simple mistake which there is a clear remedy.

We respectfully request this application be approved and the school be allowed to recoup the funding to which they are entitled.

Thank you,

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2013-2014

January 19, 2018

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Re: Applicant Name: DORAL ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
Billed Entity Number: 16050864
Form 471 Application Number: 898916
Funding Request Number(s): 2455807
Your Correspondence Dated: August 29, 2017

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2013 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2455807
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- During the appeal review of your FCC Form 471# 898916 you requested reversal of the COMAD decision to seek recovery of improperly disbursed funds. It has been determined you did not have a contract in place at the time of submission of the FCC Form 471. This determination was based on the contract provided during the review process, which was executed 3/13/13. In your appeal, you did not demonstrate that USAC's determination was incorrect. Therefore, the commitment has been rescinded in full. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

USAC has determined, that at the time you submitted your FCC Form 471 application, you did not have a contract with your service provider(s), which met your state and local or the FCC's definition of a contract. Except for services to be delivered under non-contracted tariff or month-to-month arrangements, FCC rules require that applicants submit a completed FCC Form 471 "upon signing a contract for eligible services." The services you requested are not non-contracted tariff or month-to-month services. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.504(a). In your appeal, you did not demonstrate that USAC's decision was incorrect. As USAC does not have authority to waive the FCC rules of the program, your appeal is denied.

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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Form 486 Application Number: