

February 9, 2018

Letter of Appeal
Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communication Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Request for Review of the Universal Service Administrator, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism.
CC Docket No.02-6

In re: **Community Action Organization of Erie County**

Billed Entity Number: 16057419

Appellant: E rate Solutions Group

Funding Year: 2016 FCC Form 471:161031262 – FRN's – 1699064417, 1699064428, 1699064424, 1699119624 (category 1)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is a "Letter For a Waiver of the 60 day time to file an appeal for 471 App 161031262. The application appeal should not have been denied as it was filed within 60 days of the FCDL – see details below.

Post commitment request 37414 shows my appeal was denied because "Our records show that your appeal was filed more than 60 days after the date your decision letter was issued. Your appeal was filed on 2-25-2017. The Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued on 12-18-2016." But this is incorrect. The Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued on 12-28-2016 (Wave 27) which was within the 60 day period. Please reconsider this appeal.

Therefore, since the application should not have been denied and the EPC system should have been more reliable and accessible that the enclosed information should be accepted. Please accept this appeal which only a few days late due to the issues raised above so that the school is not penalized.

I believe that the intent of the program is to make sure all eligible schools and libraries receive phone, internet access and internal networking equipment maintenance services as well as internal networking equipment. This school should not be penalized due to any delays in providing requested information which was beyond their control. I sincerely hope that this material will be reviewed and the application reviewed on the information previously provided.

Thank you,

Katherine M. Weiss
Consultant
