

E-Rate Appeal

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Applicant Name: Natrona County School District

Casper, Wyoming

BEN: 142520

470# 170061326 471# 171040398 FRN: 1799090894

470# 170074556 471# 171005446

To whom it may concern:

We are appealing the denial of the above referenced application based on the Funding Commitment Decision Letter Denial issued August 17, 2017.

The reason for rejection is stated as:

DR1: The service type on this FRN is listed as 2. However; the products or services being requested are Internet Access and/or Telecommunications and will be treated as such. This FRN is denied because the FCC Form 470 that established the competitive bidding process for this FRN did not include Internal Connections and therefore it does not meet the 28 day competitive bidding requirement. <><><><> MR1: The establishing FCC Form 470 Application Number was changed at the request of the applicant. <><><><> MR2: Based on the applicant's request, the One-time Eligible Cost of the FRN's Product and Service Detail was changed from \$145,256.00 to \$135,571.00.

Explanation:

The Funding Request Denial references form 471 #171040398 and FRN 1799090894. This is an incorrect cross reference between forms 470 and 471.

The correct form relationship is: 470 - #170074556 should reference form 471 - #171040398. Both of these forms are posted for internal connections and meet all requirements for category 2 funding.

Form 470 #170061326 and associated 471 #171005446 were filed for category 1 connections and should not have been filed as the district is ineligible for category 1 connections. Somehow form 470 #170061326 was associated incorrectly with form 471 - #170074556. Form 471 #171005446 and associated 470 #170061326 should have been automatically disqualified by USAC.

The disqualification paragraph further indicates the establishing FCC Form 470 Application Number was changed at the request of the applicant. This is an error. We did not request this change.

I believe the similarity between the 471 #171005446 and 471 #1710074556 confused the reviewer, I do know the similarity did confuse use.

If all of the documentation I have attached is taken in the proper context, the requirements for category 2 funding – internal connections are met.

I am attaching the following documents to this appeal:

Denial spreadsheet Titled FCC Form 471 – 171040398 – Natrona County School District #1 – Excel

Scanned form 470 titled "Natrona Category 2 #170074556" which is described above.

Scanned form 471 titled "NCSD2017 2018 Cat2 171040398"

Screenshot of assignment 471 #171005446 to 470 #170061326 titled "screenshot 1"

I have explained this appeal with as much detail as I believe you require to make a decision. If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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