**REF -** CC Docket No. 02-6

**This appeal is being filed on behalf of:**

Montgomery County R-II School District – BEN 136948

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Appeal Summary

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| Entity & BEN | Montgomery County R-II School District BEN-136948 |
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| Service Provider | R.A. Networks SPIN – 143026806 |
| Funding Year | 2017 |
| Application Type &  Application Number | Form 471 – Application 171007226 |
| FRNs | 1799012845, 1799113412 |
| Appeal Reason | Appeal # 85891 and RFCDL of 3-27-2018 |

**Definition of Appeal-**

We prepared our 470 application taking into account the following excerpt from the Eligible Services List 2017

applicants that seek bids for self-provisioned broadband networks must also seek bids for the needed connectivity via broadband services provided over third party networks, and fully consider all responsive bids.

When selecting the Service Option, as of 12/6/2016, on the 470 the drop down option of **Lit Fiber Services was selected as it appeared to provide the most generic option allowing for Self-Provisioned Broad Band Service, Leased Lit Fiber or Maintenance / Upgrade of Self Provisioned Network**.

If this option in the 470 Services had been “Leased Lit Fiber”, as it currently is, it would have been clear that it did not cover all options. On the date this 470 was prepared “Lit Fiber Services” appeared to provide the best service option.

As detailed in the MCR2-Appeal-Notes attached, this did result in bids from vendors for Leased Lit Fiber, Self-Provisioned Broad Band Service and Maintenance / Upgrade of Self Provisioned Network.

This indicates that vendors did interpret our 470 filing as requesting bids on all related services.

**Supporting Documentation:**

MCR2-Appeal-Notes – Excerpts from related USAC Forms, etc.

RFCDL-Report-AppealDeniel-3-26-18 – RFCDL from USAC

**Relief Sought via this Appeal –**

With this appeal we are requesting that you consider our interpretation of the 470 Services Option of “Lit Fiber Services” as a generic description of all services related to Lit Fiber, not only “Leased Lit Fiber” as stated by the USAC reviewer.

With this consideration we request that you approve funding for FRNs

1799012845 (reimbursement requested, $3592.00) and

1799113412 (reimbursement requested, $2397.31)