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From: Catriona Ayer <Catriona.Ayer@usac.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Natalie Brauer
Subject: RE: Follow Up Question from St Louis Training

Natalie,

Yes, you can request to have that moved to IC – or the reviewers should be doing that for you. As long as you posted correctly on your FCC Form 470, you should be fine.

Best,
Catriona

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Thank you for clarification - Since the FY2016 form was filed incorrectly under BMIC, are we allowed to request those changes to be made as part of the PIA review?

Thanks again for taking time out of your busy training schedule.
Thanks,
Natalie

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On Tue, Nov 15, 2016 at 2:49 PM, Catriona Ayer <Catriona.Ayer@usac.org> wrote:

Natalie,

Thank you for your email. The best thing is to go straight to the source – the FCC’s [2017 Eligible Services List](#). Here’s what it says on page 11:

Eligible Broadband Internal Connections

- Access points used in a local area network (LAN) or wireless local area network (WLAN) environment (such as wireless access points)
- Antennas, cabling, connectors, and related components used for internal broadband connections
- Caching
- Firewall services and components separate from basic firewall protection provided as a standard component of a vendor’s Internet access service.
- Switches
- Routers
- Racks
- Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS)/Battery Backup
- Wireless controller systems
- Software supporting the components on this list used to distribute high-speed broadband throughout school buildings and libraries

Notes: (1) Functionalities listed above that can be virtualized in the cloud, and equipment that combines eligible functionalities, like routing and switching, are also eligible.

(2) A manufacturer’s multi-year warranty for a period up to three years that is provided as an integral part of an eligible component, without a separately identifiable cost, may be included in the cost of the component.

(3) Caching is defined as a method that stores recently accessed information. Caching stores information locally so that the information is accessible more quickly than if transmitted across a network from a distance. A caching service or equipment that provides caching, including servers necessary for the provision of caching, is eligible for funding.

So I think that the final, correct answer is **Internal Connections**. I sincerely apologize for the confusion.

Best,

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Catriona –

I addressed during the training last week in St Louis, the issue I am having with Internal Connections vs BMIC. When I called into CSB for assistance of definition of what is covered under BMIC, I was informed that warranty plans covered by the manufacturer should be listed under BMIC. However, I believe this was not the same information provided during the training. I have several applications that now are not being funded due to an ineligible item not listed on the Form 470. The Form 470 application(s) did not include BMIC as it was unknown to the applicant at the time that this service was required.

Any suggestions on how to correct this for FY2016 applications I currently have under PIA review? I have requested that the item be moved into Internal Connections, but not not heard back from the contact.

Thanks!

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