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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

### Appeal of a USAC Funding Decision

#### CC Docket No 02-6 – In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism

Billed Entity Name: South Dearborn Community School Corporation  
Billed Entity Number: 130514  
471 Number: 171031202  
FRNs: 1799067910

Dear Ms. Dortch:

We are appealing to the FCC a recent Denied Revised FRN Funding Decision and a Revised Commitment Amount for an Approved Post Commitment Decision (FRN level) USAC Appeal for South Dearborn Community School Corporation, BEN 130514, 471 number 171031202, FRN 1799067910.

#### BACKGROUND

FRN 1799067910 requests Managed Internal Broadband Services for the school district. Funding Year 2017 is the third year of a five-year contract with this vendor; 471 applications for years 1, 2 and 4 have been funded by USAC. During the review process for Funding Year 2017, PIA requested documentation and we responded with what we thought was the proper documentation and requested that the reviewer should contact us if further documentation was necessary. The FRN was denied without further communication. The FCDL stated this denial reason: ***DR1: The documentation provided did not sufficiently demonstrate the eligibility for discounts for the following item according to Program rules: Managed and leased from a third party service provider.***

We created Appeal #79447 and submitted it to USAC within the USAC guidelines (*see attachment A – South Dearborn 2017 MIBS appeal - #79447 SUBMITTED 10-23-2017*) with supporting documentation including the documents originally sent to the reviewer (*see attachment B – USAC Appeal 79447 Documentation*). A decision was received on March 27, 2018 (*see attachment C – Post Commit Request – 79447-SOUTH DEARBORN COMMSCH CORP 3-27-2018*) with the following conflicting remarks:

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- Post-Commitment Decision (FRN Level): **"APPROVED"**
- Post-Commitment Rationale (FRN Level): **"Your appeal has brought forward persuasive information that the funding request should be approved for funding."**
- Revised FRN Funding Decision: **"Denied"**
- Revised Commitment Amount: **\$0.00**

#### DISCUSSION

It appears that the intent of the RFCDL was to indicate that our appeal had been approved and that the funding was approved but that, according to Client Services Bureau (CSB), a "glitch" in EPC had caused the revised commitment amount to remain \$0. We requested that CSB create a case with a description of "RFCDL has conflicting information after appeal decision". The case was escalated on March 28, 2018. CSB has assured us on a number of occasions that the case is in the correct department and it has been escalated. However, this is not reflected in EPC (*see attachment D – CSB Case #232381*). Unfortunately, the status of the FRN funding commitment remains \$0 and our deadline to appeal that decision looms. We believe we need to file this appeal to ensure we meet the deadline to get this issue corrected.

#### REQUESTED ACTION

We respectfully request that the originally requested funding commitment of \$27,342.00 be awarded and be accurately reflected in EPC.

Thank you for your time and consideration. You are hereby authorized to contact our E-Rate Contact, Sally Baumer, at 765-855-1612 or [sally@adtecerate.com](mailto:sally@adtecerate.com) if there is any additional information necessary for your review of our appeal of the FRN Funding Decision and the Revised Commitment Amount.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sturgeon".

Brian Sturgeon, Director of Technology  
South Dearborn Community School Corporation

#### Attached:

- Attachment A – South Dearborn 2017 MIBS appeal - #79447 SUBMITTED 10-23-2017.pdf
- Attachment B – USAC Appeal 79447 Documentation.pdf
- Attachment C – RFCDL Post Commit Request-79447-SOUTH DEARBORN 3-27-2018
- Attachment D – CSB Case #232381 3-28-2018.pdf

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