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Application
448141

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Dear FCC,

I am a small town school superintendent just trying to recover money that my school is eligible to receive. I do not have a large staff and take on many of the duties that larger superintendents do not have to deal with. I have tried to apply for e-rate funding the last two years and after many appeals and much lost revenue I finally I believe I might have some understanding of the most un-user friendly system in government.

We have a school population of 600 students with about 50% of our students qualifying for free and reduced lunches. I apply to receive e-rate funding for our local telephone use and for our Internet connection. I understand the need to create an opportunity for all companies who might want our business. I haven't been contacted by anyone offering me a lower price but it might happen.

Last year I was denied completely for funding because I failed to send in a 2nd certification sheet verifying who I am. The auditors had no trouble contacting me but I hadn't followed a timeline and received no funding for the year. I was extra careful this year, making sure I returned all forms in a timely manner but once again I find myself appealing.

I was supplied with the name Powercom when I requested our local telephone service carriers name from our local rural telephone cooperative. I looked up Powercom's spin number from the USAC search engine and filled in our application. But I had a problem. There are two Powercom's, I selected the wrong one. This was missed by three auditors last year and another one this year. I gladly would have corrected my error if I had known it but now once again I guess it must be to late to report to you the same carrier we have had for many years. Oh well I'll try again next year.

But just in case it's not too late. Just in case there are people in government that understand the needs of the people. Just in case there are people in government that can recognize injustice. Just in case there are people in government that can tell the difference between good government and bad government. Just in case there are logical people in the FCC that can reign in the boondoggle that occurs from bureaucratic nitpicking occurring at USAC. I thought I might appeal my funding request denial.

Sincerely,

Mr. Loren Hacker - Canby Superintendent

PS - My CC Docket No. is 02-6. Please write the postmark date on the envelope on to this letter verifying the date I sent the letter because I will not be sending it certified mail.

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