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Federal Communications Commission  
E-Rate Program Administration  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

To Whom It May Concern;

We are contacting you today to support Pioneer School District (BIN 145326) in their appeal for denial of their most recent Form 486 Bear Request.

It came to our attention that Hood Canal Telephone Co. certified Pioneer School District's Bear Request, invoice 2259392 for \$4,730.88 and invoice 2259365 for \$1,920.00 almost 1 full month after the funding deadline request. Hood Canal recognizes that this was an error made by our staff. At the time the request was submitted our Chief Accountant was in the process of ending her employment with Hood Canal Telephone. In fact, the Bear form was certified by our Chief Accountant on her last day of employment with our company. We believe that the certification process was overlooked by our former employee during this time.

Due to these extraordinary circumstances we request that Pioneer School District not be penalized for the delayed certification. Their invoices were submitted in a timely manner and reviewed by our staff. We recognize that the loss of funding will place a financial burden on the school, staff, and students.

Thank you for your consideration. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Mike Oblizalo at 360.898.3425.

Sincerely,

Mike Oblizalo  
Vice President