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Re: Appeal of Form 471 #865203 and #908971
Decision: Denial for SLD Invoice #2241608 (471#865203),
#2241593 and #2241596 (471#908971)
BEN: 16068842
SPIN: 143025240 (#2241608 and #2241593) and 14303990 (#2241596)
FRN: 2356745, 2534221, and 2534216

Dear Correspondence Unit,

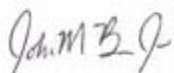
Please consider this appeal of the above listed decision to deny funding for BEAR Invoice #2241608, 2241593, and 2241596 for being submitted after the invoice deadline. These BEAR invoices were submitted on September 11, 2015 (see file "Track BEAR Forms) and the last date to invoice was January 18, 2016. The invoice deadline date is the same for all of these 21 FRNs yet these three BEAR invoices were denied. As a result of an audit, we realized we had not received payment on these three BEAR forms so we immediately contacted USAC and opened case #179646 (attached). The person who took the call reviewed the facts and agreed that it was some type of error and that all of the BEAR forms were filed together within the timeframe.

We realize that the maximum number of days to file an appeal have passed but because of the extenuating circumstances involving these three years of funding we are requesting to have that requirement waived. Due to an investigation that had nothing to do with Eagle Academy but involved a vendor listed on one of our forms these FRNs were frozen/delayed for years. As a result, three years of FRNs were approved at the same time, Form 486s were filed on the same date, the invoice deadline was the same date and these BEAR invoices were all filed on the same date. It was extremely burdensome on our accounting department to identify, track, and record the payments that came in as a result of three years of BEAR forms being filed at the same time and as such it was not realized that these BEARs were not paid until it became evident during an audit. Immediately upon this realization we called USAC and opened case #179646.

For these reasons, we would like to request that you waive the requirement to file an appeal within 60 days and remit payment for these three invoices as they were in fact filed within the due date of January 18, 2016 and should have been paid as submitted.

Note: We have not submitted documentation of USAC's decision as we have no such documentation

Thank you for your consideration,



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