

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Schools and Libraries	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Universal Service Support Mechanism	)	
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Request for Waiver by	)	Application No. 161044235
Mercedes Independent School District	)	
Regarding a Funding Decision by the	)	
Universal Service Administrative Company	)	

**Petition for Waiver**

In accordance with sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's rules,<sup>1</sup> Mercedes Independent School District (MISD) requests a Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) review of a Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) decision and issuance of waivers of Sections 54.414 (a) and (b), and 54.720 of the Commission’s rules.<sup>2</sup>

As discussed below, as a result of USAC’s protracted Invoice Reviews of FCC Forms 472 submitted by MISD, and subsequent reductions of the requested reimbursement, MISD was not afforded the opportunity to submit additional FCC Forms 472 to USAC prior to the Last Date to Invoice (LDI).

This letter of appeal / request for waiver addresses USAC’s decisions on March 21, 2018 to partially deny reimbursement of Mercedes’ FCC Forms 472; the instantaneous Denial of the

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(b), (c); 47 C.F.R. § 54.722(a).

<sup>2</sup> 47 C.F.R. §54.514(a) (requiring applicants seeking to receive discounts for eligible services to submit invoices to the Administrator within 120 days after the last day to receive service or 120 days after the date of the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter); 47 C.F.R. §54.514(b) (permitting applicants or service providers to request a one-time, 120-day extension of the invoicing deadline if timely requested); 47 C.F.R. §54.720 (requiring affected parties seeking review or waiver of a USAC decision to file such request with USAC or the Commission within 60 days from the date USAC issues a decision).

Invoicing Deadline Extension Requests submitted on May 16, 2018; and the subsequent appeal denial on June 23, 2018.

## **I. Background**

Mercedes submitted its FCC Forms 472, USAC Invoice Numbers 2727914, 2727913, and 2727912, pertaining to Funding Request Numbers (FRNs) 1699112499, 1699112471, and 1699112513, respectively, on November 14, 2017,<sup>3</sup> 105 days prior to the invoice deadline of February 27, 2018.<sup>4</sup>

On November 15, 2017 MISD received an inquiry from a USAC Invoice Reviewer requesting documentation pertaining to USAC Invoice Number 2727913 with a due date of November 22, 2017.<sup>5</sup> MISD submitted its response on November 20, 2017, with a request to contact MISD if there were any questions or additional information needed.<sup>5</sup> On December 13, 2017 MISD received an inquiry from a different USAC Invoice Reviewer requesting documentation for pertaining to USAC Invoice Numbers 2727912 and 2727914 with a due date of December 20, 2017.<sup>5</sup> MISD submitting its response to this inquiry on December 20, 2017.

On March 21, 2018 USAC issued the FCC Form 472 Notification Letters (472 NL) pertaining to USAC Invoice Numbers 2727914, 2727913, and 2727912.<sup>6</sup> The three 472 NLs show that USAC only approved partial reimbursements, with “Amount Requested Not Supported by Bill(s)” as the only explanation.

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<sup>3</sup> Attachment A (Invoices Submitted to USAC Prior to Deadline)

<sup>4</sup> Attachment D (Invoice Deadline Extension Denials)

<sup>5</sup> Attachment B (Invoice Reviews and Responses)

<sup>6</sup> Attachment C (FCC Form 472 Notification Letters)

From the date that MISD submitted its response to the Invoice Review of USAC Invoice Number 2727913 on November 20, 2017, to the issuance of the 472 NL on March 21, 2018, 121 days had elapsed. Similarly, from the date MISD submitted its response pertaining USAC's review of USAC Invoice Numbers 2727912 and 2727914 on December 20, 2017, to the issuance of the 472 NLs on March 21, 2018, 91 days had elapsed.

On May 18, 2018, after being engaged as MISD E-Rate Consultant, E-Rate Elite Services, Inc. (EES) submitted Appeal #103843 to USAC, disputing USAC's decisions to only partially approve reimbursements of the aforementioned FCC Forms 472 and the associated FRNs. On June 23, 2018 USAC issued a Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter<sup>7</sup> (RFCDL) denying the appeal on the following grounds:

**Post Commitment Rationale:**

FCC rules stipulate that service providers or billed entities may request a one-time extension of the invoicing deadline for a Funding Request (FRN). USAC denied your request for Invoice Deadline Extension since this was the second or subsequent extension of invoicing deadline for FRN 1699112499, Since USAC's decision was consistent with the FCC rules, your appeal is denied|Per FCC rules, invoices must be submitted to the Administrator: (1) 120 days after the last day to receive service, or (2) 120 days after the date of the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.514 (a). In advance of the deadline calculated pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.514 (a), Service providers or billed entities may request a one-time extension of the invoicing deadline. The Administrator shall grant a 120 day extension of the invoice filing deadline, if it is timely requested. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.514 (b).

## **II. WAIVER IS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE THIS ISSUE SHOULD HAVE BEEN RESOLVED WITH USAC**

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<sup>7</sup> Attachment E (Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter)

The Commission has recently granted requests for waiver that are similar in nature to this request. MISD would not have had to file this request for waiver if USAC had provided an opportunity to provide additional information, or completed the Invoice Reviews in a reasonable timeframe. As previously stated, USAC's Invoice Reviews spanned 121 and 91 days from the date MISD submitted the requested information, to the date USAC issued its decisions. Accordingly, Mercedes respectfully requests that the Commission waive section 54.514 of its rules, consistent with its precedent, and direct USAC to approve additional Invoice Deadline Extensions for FRNs 1699112499, 1699112471, and 1699112513.

Additionally, we are requesting the Commission waive section 54.720 of its rules due to confusion about the date USAC issued its decision to deny Appeal #103843. On June 23, 2018 USAC issued the RFCDL pursuant to Appeal #103843 via the its E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) News feed;<sup>8</sup> however, the RFCDL itself is dated June 22, 2018.<sup>7</sup> Page two of the RFCDL states, "You can appeal or request a waiver of a decision in this letter within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter...". In contrast, section 54.720 (a) of the Commission's rules states, "An affected party requesting review or waiver of an Administrator decision by the Commission pursuant to §54.719, shall file such a request within sixty (60) days from the date the Administrator issues a decision."

Any of the Commission's rules may be waived if good cause is shown.<sup>9</sup> The Commission may exercise its discretion to waive a rule where the particular facts make strict

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<sup>8</sup> Attachment F (Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Issued).

<sup>9</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.3.

compliance inconsistent with the public interest.<sup>10</sup> In addition, the Commission may take into account considerations of hardship, equity, or more effective implementation of overall policy on an individual basis.<sup>11</sup>

In its June 29, 2018 streamlined resolution of requests related to actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) granted two requests for waiver of the appeal filing deadline on the grounds that “the issue on appeal before the Commission should have been resolved with USAC before the petitioner resorted to filing an appeal.”<sup>12</sup> These decisions are the most recent in a long history of orders showing the Commission’s clear expectation that USAC attempt to resolve known or suspected issues with the applicant before issuing a funding decision. In light of this precedent, the issue in the instant appeal is one that USAC clearly should have attempted to resolve with the applicant before reducing Mercedes’ reimbursement requests.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

For the aforementioned reasons, we request that the Commission grant our requests for waivers of the limit to a single deadline extension, and direct USAC to approve additional Invoice Deadline Extensions for FRNs 1699112499, 1699112471, and 1699112513. In addition,

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<sup>10</sup> *Northeast Cellular Tel. Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (Northeast Cellular)

<sup>11</sup> *WAIT Radio v. FCC*, 418 F.2d 1153, 1159 (D.C. Cir. 1969); *Northeast Cellular*, 897 F.2d at 1166.

<sup>12</sup> Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions By the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 06-122, Public Notice, DA 18-672, at 4 n.11 (rel. June 29, 2018) (citing Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Savannah R-III School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 12053, 12057 n.30 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2008)).

Mercedes requests the Commission waive whatever other rules may be necessary to effectuate its grant of this appeal.

Respectfully submitted *on behalf of*  
*Mercedes Independent School District,*

/s/ David LeNard

David LeNard  
E-Rate Elite Services, Inc.  
[dlenard@erateelite.com](mailto:dlenard@erateelite.com)  
410-902-5800 ext 103

# Attachment A

Invoices Submitted to USAC Prior to Deadline

## Track BEAR Forms

Please choose from one or more of the following search options:

Created Date Range:	From:	<input type="text" value="01/01/2017"/>	To:	<input type="text" value="05/16/2018"/>
Dollar Amount:	Min:	<input type="text"/>	Max:	<input type="text"/>
SPIN:	<input type="text"/>			
Invoice Id:	<input type="text"/>			
Applicant Form Identifier:	<input type="text"/>			

Display Results As: ☒ BEAR  
☐ FRN

Invoices submitted prior to the invoice deadline of 2/27/2018

## Search Results:

<a href="#">Invoice Id</a>	<a href="#">Applicant Form Identifier</a>	<a href="#">SPIN</a>	<a href="#">Status</a>	<a href="#">Reimbursement Amount</a>	<a href="#">Contact Name</a>	<a href="#">Date Created</a> ▼
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<a href="#">2704696</a>	ATT POTS 16	143004662	COMPLETED	\$34,500.00	<a href="#">Roland Handy</a>	10/12/2017 5:50:16 PM
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<a href="#">2718629</a>	2nd ATT POTS 16	143004662	COMPLETED	\$47,784.52	<a href="#">Roland Handy</a>	10/30/2017 4:59:26 PM
<a href="#">2727912</a>	3 Data 2016	143004662	COMPLETED	\$43,843.62	<a href="#">Rolando Handy</a>	11/14/2017 1:30:51 PM
<a href="#">2727913</a>	3 ISP TWC 2016	143048275	COMPLETED	\$11,537.47	<a href="#">Roland Handy</a>	11/14/2017 1:31:04 PM
<a href="#">2727914</a>	3 POTS 2016	143004662	COMPLETED	\$32,560.01	<a href="#">Roland Handy</a>	11/14/2017 1:31:19 PM



# Attachment B

## Invoice Reviews and Responses

Inquiry from USAC Invoice Reviewer sent November 15, 2017 with a November 22, 2017 due date. MISD submitted its response on November 20, 2017, prior to the deadline.

**David LeNard**

**From:** ROLANDO HANDY <[rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 18, 2018 3:29 PM  
**To:** David LeNard  
**Subject:** Fwd: 2727913 attn:Roland  
**Attachments:** Spectrum Bill Summaries.pdf; Certification.pdf; December Invoice.png; Spectrum Tabulation 16.pdf

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From: HANDY, ROLANDO <[rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)>  
Date: Mon, Nov 20, 2017 at 12:50 PM Response date  
Subject: Re: 2727913 attn:Roland  
To: Bambaci, Rocco <[Rocco.BAMBACI@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:Rocco.BAMBACI@sl.universalservice.org)>

Hello Ms. Bambaci,

Attached are the requested documents: certification template, worksheet and bill summaries, for Spectrum (Time Warner).

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, the SLD provides lifesaving services to low income school districts like ours.

Best Wishes,  
Rolando Handy

Inquiry sent

On Wed, Nov 15, 2017 at 1:16 PM, Bambaci, Rocco <[Rocco.BAMBACI@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:Rocco.BAMBACI@sl.universalservice.org)> wrote:

SLD Invoice No	Line ID	471	FRN	SPIN	Service Provider Name	Applicant Name	BEN	Undiscounted Amt	Discounted Amt
2727913	8942680	161044235	1699112471	143048275	Time Warner Cable	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT	141659	12819.42	11537.47

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I am reviewing your request for reimbursement of the invoice line/s noted above.

**BILLS:**

Either A:

If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of 20 bills or less (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):

Please submit:

- I. A copy of the summary page/s for the bill/s received from the service provider to show:
  - a. Bill Date,
  - b. Service Provider Name,
  - c. Bill-To Entity,
  - d. Current Charges,
  - e. Description of Products / Services Delivered,
  - f. Period of Service (for Digital Transmission and/or Internet Access),
  - g. Individual Call Detail NOT required (for phone bills).

II. As guidance, a worksheet (sample attached) to summarize the bill/s (by month/ account number, as applicable) and to indicate:

- a. Total current charge per bill,
- b. Identification and removal of all ineligible products and services,
- c. Calculation of the Undiscounted/Requested amounts.

III. If any locations on the bills / worksheet are cross connect / meet points, please identify and state the Entity/s receiving the service.

IV. If the invoice is for deposits or up-front charges for services, please include a copy of the full contract that supports those charges.

Or B:

If the request for reimbursement for each FRN per Invoice is comprised of more than 20 bills (sub-bills and sub accounts may contribute to this figure):

Please initially submit:

I. Only a worksheet (sample attached) to summarize the bill/s (by month/ account number, as applicable) and to indicate:

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- c. Calculation of the Undiscounted/Requested amounts.

II. The completed worksheet certification form (attached) to certify the accuracy of the worksheet.

III. If any locations on the bills / worksheet are cross connect / meet points, please identify and state the Entity/s receiving the service.

IV. If the invoice is for deposits or up-front charges for services, please include a copy of the full contract that supports those charges.

Upon receipt of the worksheet by the SLP, you will be required to provide a sampling of bills (selected by SLP) to verify the worksheet.

V. The bills received from the service provider, to show:

- a. Bill Date,
- b. Service Provider Name,
- c. Bill-To Entity,
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**RESPONSE REQUIREMENT:**

Due Date



Please provide this information to me as soon as possible within the next 7 calendar days, by End of Day **Wednesday, 11/22/17**. Failure to do so may result in a reduction or rejection of the invoice, without further request. In this event, please ensure you have all necessary documents collected before resubmitting your request. If you have any questions, please contact me within this 7 day period.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

**Rocco Bambaci**  
**Case Management**  
T: 973.581.5219

[rbambac@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:rbambac@sl.universalservice.org)

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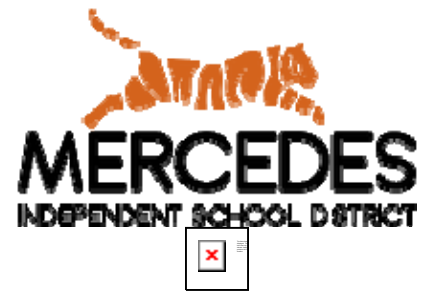
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Inquiry from USAC Invoice Reviewer sent December 13, 2017 with a December 20, 2017 due date. MISD submitted its response on December 20, 2017, prior to the deadline.

**David LeNard**

**From:** ROLANDO HANDY <rhandy@misdtx.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 18, 2018 11:48 AM  
**To:** David LeNard  
**Subject:** Fwd: SLD Invoice Review - Invoice 2727914  
**Attachments:** 20171220150546386.pdf; 20171220150208784.pdf; 20171220150228634.pdf

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From: HANDY, ROLANDO <[rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)>  
Date: Wed, Dec 20, 2017 at 3:09 PM  
Subject: Re: SLD Invoice Review - Invoice 2727914  
To: Ramos, Nicole <[Nicole.RAMOS@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:Nicole.RAMOS@sl.universalservice.org)>

Response Date

Please see attached.

Thanks!,  
Rolando Handy

Inquiry Date

On Wed, Dec 13, 2017 at 2:41 PM, Ramos, Nicole <[Nicole.RAMOS@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:Nicole.RAMOS@sl.universalservice.org)> wrote:

SLD Invoice No	SP_App Invoice No	Line ID	Customer Ship Date	471	FRN	SPIN	Service Provider Name	Applicant Name
2727912	3 Data 2016	8942679	14-Nov-17	161044235	1699112513	143004662	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
2727914	3 POTS 2016	8942681	14-Nov-17	161044235	1699112499	143004662	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT



I am reviewing your request for reimbursement of the invoice line/s noted above.

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**RESPONSE REQUIREMENT:**

Service Certification and Payment Verification documents sent to us directly by Applicants (school/library) with the SLP Invoice Number and the name/title/signature of the sender may help speed up the review process. Fax cover sheet must identify the organization.

Please provide this information to me as soon as possible within the next 7 calendar days, by End of Day Wednesday, 12/20/17. Failure to do so may result in a reduction or rejection of the invoice, without further request. In this event, please ensure you have all necessary documents collected before resubmitting your request. If you have any questions, please contact me within this 7 day period.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

**Nicole Ramos**

**Case Management – USAC Schools & Libraries Program**

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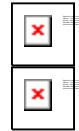
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# Attachment C

FCC Form 472 Notification Letters



Schools and Libraries Division

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Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

March 21, 2018

Brenda Mittison  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
444 Michigan Ave.  
Floor 2  
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Invoice Number - as assigned by USAC: 2727914  
Service Provider Identification Number: 143004662  
Reimbursement Form Number: 3 POTS 2016  
Billed Entity Number: 141659

Handy Rolando  
MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PO BOX 419 206 E 6TH ST  
MERCEDES, TX 78570

Preferred Mode of Contact: E-mail at [rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)  
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$30985.94

This letter is your notification that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has processed an FCC Form 472, "Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)" Form from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. USAC has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more FCC Forms 471, "Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form".

In certain instances, a line may not have been paid. Review the BEAR Letter Applicant Reimbursement Report (Report) following this letter for the reason(s) this may have occurred. For more information about lines that have not been paid, see the explanation of Invoice Error Codes in Step 9 on our website. Work with the applicant (your customer) to correct any errors. Once corrected, your customer may submit a new BEAR using the BEAR Online tool from the Apply Online area or Required Forms section of our website to request reimbursement for any unpaid lines.

If a new BEAR cannot be submitted before the invoice deadline passes, you or your customer may submit a request for a deadline extension. (See "Invoice Deadlines and Extension Requests" posted in the SLD section of our website for more information.)

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., FCDL) and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
  - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), - FCC Form 471 Application Number and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC,
  - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2015," AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

We strongly recommend that you use one of the electronic filing options. To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to [appeals@sl.universalservice.org](mailto:appeals@sl.universalservice.org) or submit your appeal electronically by using the "Submit a Question" feature on the USAC website. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542. To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

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Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit  
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PO Box 685  
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

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Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

CC: MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

471 Application Number: 161044235  
ing Request Number: 1699112499  
ing Year 2016: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017  
tract Number:  
ding Commitment Decision: \$34500.00  
mbursement Amount for this FRN: \$30985.94  
mbursement Request Decision Explanation:  
Amount Requested Not Supported by Bill(s);

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Schools and Libraries Division

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Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

March 21, 2018

Brenda Mittison  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company  
444 Michigan Ave.  
Floor 2  
Detroit, MI 48226

Re: Invoice Number - as assigned by USAC: 2727912  
Service Provider Identification Number: 143004662  
Reimbursement Form Number: 3 Data 2016  
Billed Entity Number: 141659

Handy Rolando  
MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PO BOX 419 206 E 6TH ST  
MERCEDES, TX 78570

Preferred Mode of Contact: E-mail at [rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)  
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$6318.00

This letter is your notification that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has processed an FCC Form 472, "Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR)" Form from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. USAC has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more FCC Forms 471, "Description of Services Ordered and Certification Form".

In certain instances, a line may not have been paid. Review the BEAR Letter Applicant Reimbursement Report (Report) following this letter for the reason(s) this may have occurred. For more information about lines that have not been paid, see the explanation of Invoice Error Codes in Step 9 on our website. Work with the applicant (your customer) to correct any errors. Once corrected, your customer may submit a new BEAR using the BEAR Online tool from the Apply Online area or Required Forms section of our website to request reimbursement for any unpaid lines.

If a new BEAR cannot be submitted before the invoice deadline passes, you or your customer may submit a request for a deadline extension. (See "Invoice Deadlines and Extension Requests" posted in the SLD section of our website for more information.)

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

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2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., FCDL) and the decision you are appealing:
  - Appellant name,
  - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
  - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN), - FCC Form 471 Application Number and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC,
  - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2015," AND
  - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

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Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit  
30 Lanidex Plaza West  
PO Box 685  
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

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Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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## BEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 161044235

Funding Request Number: 1699112513

Funding Year 2016: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017

Contract Number:

Funding Commitment Decision: \$56160.00

Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: \$6318.00

Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation:

Amount Requested Not Supported by Bill(s);

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Schools and Libraries Division

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Form 472 (BEAR) Notification Letter

March 21, 2018

Marcia Evans  
Time Warner Cable Business LLC  
12405 Powerscourt Dr  
St Louis, MO 63131

Re: Invoice Number - as assigned by USAC: 2727913  
Service Provider Identification Number: 143048275  
Reimbursement Form Number: 3 ISP TWC 2016  
Billed Entity Number: 141659

Handy Rolando  
MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PO BOX 419 206 E 6TH ST  
MERCEDES, TX 78570

Preferred Mode of Contact: E-mail at [rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)  
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$7766.62

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Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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## BEAR NOTIFICATION LETTER APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 161044235

Funding Request Number: 1699112471

Funding Year 2016: 07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017

Contract Number:

Funding Commitment Decision: \$16092.00

Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: \$7766.62

Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation:

Amount Requested Not Supported by Bill(s);

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# Attachment D

## Invoice Deadline Extension Denials

## Invoice Deadline Extension Request

Enter the FRN for which a one-time 120 day extension is requested:

FRN: 1699112471

### FRN Detail:

471:	161044235		
FRN:	1699112471		
BEN:	141659	Applicant Name:	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPIN:	143048275	Service Provider:	Time Warner Cable Business LLC
Commitment Status:	COMMITTED - FULL		
Committed Amount:	\$16092		
Amounts Disbursed:	\$7766.62		
Last Date to Invoice:	2/27/2018		
FCC Form 486 Notification Letter date:	3/9/2017		

I request a one-time 120 day extension for this FRN.

Your request has been Denied.

This request does not qualify for a deadline extension under the invoice deadline extension rules because you have previously requested an extension and USAC may approve only one 120-day extension.

This serves as acknowledgement and denial of your request for a deadline extension for the following FRN: 1699112471

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We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

## Invoice Deadline Extension Request

Enter the FRN for which a one-time 120 day extension is requested:

FRN:

FRN Detail:

471:	161044235		
FRN:	1699112499		
BEN:	141659	Applicant Name:	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPIN:	143004662	Service Provider:	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Commitment Status:	COMMITTED - FULL		
Committed Amount:	\$34500		
Amounts Disbursed:	\$30985.94		
Last Date to Invoice:	2/27/2018		
FCC Form 486 Notification Letter date:	3/9/2017		

I request a one-time 120 day extension for this FRN.

Your request has been Denied.

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## Invoice Deadline Extension Request

Enter the FRN for which a one-time 120 day extension is requested:

FRN:  [Find FRN](#)

### FRN Detail:

471:	161044235		
FRN:	1699112513		
BEN:	141859	Applicant Name:	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPIN:	143004862	Service Provider:	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
Commitment Status:	COMMITTED - FULL		
Committed Amount:	\$56160		
Amounts Disbursed:	\$6318		
Last Date to Invoice:	2/27/2018		
FCC Form 486	3/9/2017		
Notification Letter date:			

I request a one-time 120 day extension for this FRN. [Submit](#)

Your request has been Denied.

This request does not qualify for a deadline extension under the invoice deadline extension rules because you have previously requested an extension and USAC may approve only one 120-day extension.

This serves as acknowledgement and denial of your request for a deadline extension for the following FRN: 1699112513

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# Attachment E

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter

# **Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter**

## **Funding Year 2016**

**Contact Information:**

Rolando Handy  
MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
PO BOX 419, 206 W 6TH ST  
MERCEDES, TX 78570  
[rhandy@misdtx.net](mailto:rhandy@misdtx.net)

**BEN:** 141659**Post Commitment Wave:** 50

## **Totals**

Original Commitment Amount	\$106,752.00
<b>Revised Commitment Amount</b>	<b>\$106,752.00</b>

## **What is in this letter?**

**Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2016 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding.** Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received. Below are the changes that were made:

- Appeals
- Appeals
- Appeals

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

## **Next Steps**

1. **File the FCC Form 486**, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).





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**BEN:** 141659

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- o **If USAC approved funding on an FRN in your original FCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of the original FCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
  - o **If a new FRN was created for this RFCDL or funding was not approved on an FRN in your original FCDL but is approved in this RFCDL**, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of this RFCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
2. **Invoice USAC**, if you or your service provider have not already done so. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- **If you (the applicant) are invoicing USAC:** You must pay your service provider(s) the full cost for the services you receive and file the [FCC Form 472](#), the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement of the discounted amount.
  - **If your service provider(s) is invoicing USAC:** The service provider(s) must provide services, bill the applicant for the non-discounted share, and file the [FCC Form 474](#), the Service Provider Invoice (SPI) form, to invoice USAC for reimbursement for the discounted portion of costs. Every funding year, service providers must file an [FCC Form 473](#), the Service Provider Annual Certification Form, to be able to submit invoices and to receive disbursements.
  - **To receive an invoice deadline extension, the applicant or service provider** must request an extension on or before the last date to invoice. **If you anticipate, for any reason, that invoices cannot be filed on time**, USAC will grant a one-time, 120-day invoice deadline extension if timely requested.

## How to Appeal or Request a Waiver of a Decision

You can appeal or request a waiver of a decision in this letter **within 60 calendar days** of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this deadline will result in an automatic dismissal of your appeal or waiver request.

**Note:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will not accept appeals of USAC decisions that have not first been appealed to USAC. However, if you are seeking a waiver of E-rate program rules, you must submit your request to the FCC and not to USAC. USAC is not able to waive the E-rate program rules.

- **To submit your appeal to USAC**, visit the Appeals section in the [E-rate Productivity Center \(EPC\)](#) and provide the required information. USAC will reply to your appeal submissions to confirm receipt. Visit USAC's [website](#) for additional information on submitting an appeal to USAC, including step-by-step instructions.
- **To request a waiver of the FCC's rules or appeal USAC's appeal decision**, please submit it to the FCC in proceeding number CC Docket No. 02-6 using the [Electronic Comment Filing System](#) (ECFS). Include your contact information, a statement that your filing is a waiver request,



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identifying information, the FCC rule(s) for which you are seeking a waiver, a full description of the relevant facts that you believe support your waiver request and any related relief, and any supporting documentation.

For appeals to USAC or to the FCC, be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation, and provide a copy to the affected service provider(s).

## Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the eligible products and/or services to their service providers. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion of costs for the eligible products and/or services. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay the non-discounted share of costs ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If using the BEAR invoicing method, the applicant must pay the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) **before** seeking reimbursement from USAC. If using the SPI invoicing method, the service provider must first bill the applicant **before** invoicing USAC.

## Notice on Rules and Funds Availability

The applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program and the FCC's rules. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds.



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## Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview

### Funding Year 2016

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1699112471	Time Warner Cable Business LLC	Appeals	\$16,092.00	Denied
1699112499	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	Appeals	\$34,500.00	Denied
1699112513	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company	Appeals	\$56,160.00	Denied



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<b>Post Commitment Request Number:</b> 103843	<b>Post Commitment Request Type:</b> Appeals	<b>Post Commitment Decision:</b> Denied
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<b>FRN:</b> 1699112471	<b>Service Type:</b> Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	<b>Original Status:</b> Funded	<b>Revised Status:</b> Funded
<b>FCC Form 471: 161044235</b>			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$17,880.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$17,880.00	
Discount Rate		90.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$16,092.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2016
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	5/16/2016
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	Time Warner Cable Business LLC
SPIN (498ID)	143048275
Contract Number	
Account Number	
Establishing FCC Form 470	160032695

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

<b>Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:</b>
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<b>Post Commitment Rationale:</b>
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FCC rules stipulate that service providers or billed entities may request a one-time extension of the invoicing deadline for a Funding Request (FRN). USAC denied your request for Invoice Deadline Extension since this was the second or subsequent extension of invoicing deadline for FRN 1699112471, Since USAC's decision was consistent with the FCC rules, your appeal is denied|Per FCC rules, invoices must be submitted to the Administrator: (1) 120 days after the last day to receive service, or (2) 120 days after the date of the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.514 (a). In advance of the deadline calculated pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.514 (a), Service



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<b>Post Commitment Request Number:</b> 103843	<b>Post Commitment Request Type:</b> Appeals	<b>Post Commitment Decision:</b> Denied
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<b>FRN:</b> 1699112499	<b>Service Type:</b> Voice	<b>Original Status:</b> Funded	<b>Revised Status:</b> Funded
<b>FCC Form 471: 161044235</b>			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$69,000.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$69,000.00	
Discount Rate		50.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$34,500.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2016
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
SPIN (498ID)	143004662
Contract Number	
Account Number	9565145000
Establishing FCC Form 470	160032695

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

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<b>Post Commitment Request Number:</b> 103843	<b>Post Commitment Request Type:</b> Appeals	<b>Post Commitment Decision:</b> Denied
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<b>FRN:</b> 1699112513	<b>Service Type:</b> Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	<b>Original Status:</b> Funded	<b>Revised Status:</b> Funded
<b>FCC Form 471: 161044235</b>			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$62,400.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$62,400.00	
Discount Rate		90.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$56,160.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2016
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2017
Contract Award Date	
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2017
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	Southwestern Bell Telephone Company
SPIN (498ID)	143004662
Contract Number	
Account Number	9565145000
Establishing FCC Form 470	160032695

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	
Consultant's Employer	
CRN	

<b>Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:</b>
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<b>Post Commitment Rationale:</b>
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FCC rules stipulate that service providers or billed entities may request a one-time extension of the invoicing deadline for a Funding Request (FRN). USAC denied your request for Invoice Deadline Extension since this was the second or subsequent extension of invoicing deadline for FRN 1699112513, Since USAC's decision was consistent with the FCC rules, your appeal is denied|Per FCC rules, invoices must be submitted to the Administrator: (1) 120 days after the last day to receive service, or (2) 120 days after the date of the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.514 (a). In advance of the deadline calculated pursuant to 47 C.F.R. 54.514 (a), Service



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providers or billed entities may request a one-time extension of the invoicing deadline. The Administrator shall grant a 120 day extension of the invoice filing deadline, if it is timely requested. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.514 (b).



# Attachment F

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Issued

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**E-Rate Productivity Center**
Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2016 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

**Next Steps**

1. File the FCC Form 486, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).
2. Invoice USAC, if you or your service provider have not already done so. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if you [...More](#)

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Billed Entity FCC RN	0013036355
Applicant's Form Identifier	MERCEDES INDEP SCHOOL DISTRICT
RFCDL Date	6/23/2018