

The Meridian School

4649 Sunnyside Ave North

Seattle, WA. 98103

BEN: 171830

CC Docket No. 02-6

Form 471: 171036627

FRN: 1799082009

Letter dates 9/12/19



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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview

Funding Year 2017

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1799082009	WAVEDIVISION HOLDINGS, LLC	Appeals	\$8,880.00	Denied

Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:

Post Commitment Rationale:

Your Operation SPIN change request #95940 was denied. You requested a SPIN Change for FRN 1799082009 to change the SPIN from 143030836 to 143003990. However, your request was denied because the SPIN 143003990 did not receive the second highest point value in the original competitive bidding evaluation based on the vendor evaluation criteria and the results listed in your bid evaluation sheets. Your request was denied because you did not give an opportunity to the service provider with the second highest point value to provide service in this FRN and did not demonstrate a legitimate reason for a SPIN change to the third highest point value SPIN 143003990. On appeal, you did not demonstrate that USAC's decision was incorrect. Consequently your appeal is denied.

We are very disappointed in receiving this letter from USAC. Their lack of understanding and compassion is astounding. We sought help from the USAC Helpdesk incident for understanding what the rules are for a SPIN change request due to the service provider not being able to complete the installation of a service with a fund year. We were told to do a SPIN change and request that the applicant be allowed to use their current service provider. We did this. Over and over again. This is not my only client that is having these issues by the way.

- 1) Using the EPC portal is neither easy or intuitive. There are limited pull down responses to the questions being asked and at times, the answers do not pertain to the situation at hand.
- 2) For example, I could not find a clear way within the EPC portal to address the issue of what to do if the service provider is attempting to complete the installation of a service but is not able to do before the fund year is at an end. I chose to do a SPIN Change and thought I had done a decent job in explaining what the issue was.
- 3) The SPIN changes were denied. The Appeal was denied. All for the same reason.
 - a. We didn't go with winner #2!
- 4) The applicant was not choosing to use another of the service providers who put in a bid and get out of their contract with the winning service provider; no, they were simply asking that the incumbent service provider be allowed to receive their e-Rate funding for Internet services they [the applicant] were receiving during the fund year.

We are asking that you rule in the applicants favor and allow the incumbent service provider as a SPIN change for Fund Year 2017-2018; the service provider, WAVE completely understands the school's undertaking in this matter and promised to have the Internet installed and functionally over the summer months.

Sincerely

Jill Stone

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Contact Information:

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Totals

Original Commitment Amount	\$11,100.00
Revised Commitment Amount	\$8,880.00

What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2017 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

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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- 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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Post Commitment Request Number: 112558	Post Commitment Request Type: Appeals	Post Commitment Decision: Denied
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FRN: 1799082009	Service Type: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access	Original Status: Funded	Revised Status: Funded
FCC Form 471: 171036627			

Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$22,200.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$0.00
Total Pre-Discount Charges		\$22,200.00	
Discount Rate		40.00%	
Revised Committed Amount		\$8,880.00	

Dates	
Service Start Date	7/1/2017
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2022
Contract Award Date	5/8/2017
Service Delivery Deadline	6/30/2018
Expiration Date (All Extensions)	

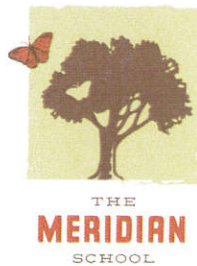
Service Provider and Contract Information	
Service Provider	WAVEDIVISION HOLDINGS, LLC
SPIN (498ID)	143030836
Contract Number	
Account Number	
Establishing FCC Form 470	170063463

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	Jill Stone
Consultant's Employer	American e-Rate Solutions
CRN	16071258

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The Meridian School promotes a balance of mind and heart, of contemplation and action,
of individuality and commitment to the community.

E-Rate Operational SPIN Change Notification Letter

Date: 4/24/2018

Applicant: Meridian School

BEN: 171830

Address: 4649 Sunnyside Ave North, Seattle, WA 98103

Phone: 206-632-7154

Service Provider: Wave Holdings

SPIN:

To Whom It May Concern,

Meridian school is seeking a SPIN change for the following Form 471

Application Number: 171036627 and FRN Number: 1799082009.

The reason is that Wave Holdings has failed in having the necessary Internet services installation completed and lit by the July 1, 2017 start date for this service. At the time of this letter, WAVE has stated to the client that they now do not expect to be able to provide services to the school site until after June 30, 2018.

Two bids were received for this service. The client currently has Comcast providing the services.

In order for the applicant to receive as much as their funding dollars as allocated by USAC, the Meridian will be submitting an Operational SPIN Change with USAC for the following line items:

From the original request of:

FRN Line Item #	MRC	QTY	Months of Service	Total Mthly Cost	Total Eligible Recurring Costs [YRLY]
1799082009.001	\$1,850.00	1	12	\$1,850.00	\$22,200.00
1799082009.002	175.75	1	12	\$175.75	\$2,109.00

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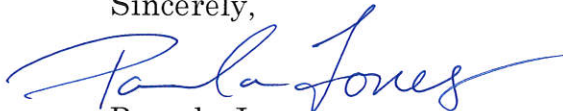
TO: Service Provider: Comcast

SPIN: 143003990

FRN of: This includes the Deluxe 100+ pkg, equipment fee [modem] Static IP-5 and taxes.

FRN Line Item #	MRC	QTY	Months of Service	Total Mthly Cost	Total Eligible Recurring Costs [YRLY]
1799082009.001	199.95	1	12	199.95	2,399.40
1799082009.002	7.00	1	12	7.00	84.00
1799082009.003	19.95	1	12	19.95	239.40
1799082009.004	.67	1	12	.67	8.04

Sincerely,



Pamela Jones

Chief Financial Officer

The Meridian School

Ikeisha Wilson
Associate Manager
973-581-7538

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Competitive Bid

Ikeisha,

Comcast came in 3rd place on the bid evaluation. The issue isn't that Meridian wants to not use WAVE but that WAVE cannot complete the install until after June 30, 2018. This means the school will miss out on a full year of e-Rate funding. Comcast is the incumbent service providers – it is an older services that uses a modem [cable] vs. the high speed Internet Services the school went out to bid for.

Customer Service has said in the past that the incumbent provider can be temporarily awarded the e-Rate funding while the new service provider is installing the services and we have documented the issue with getting the installation completed.

WAVE has run into issues with getting the Permits needed from Seattle and Seattle City lights. WAVE fully intends on providing the services to the school as soon as they can and we have filed for their services for Fund Year 2018.

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1799082009.001	\$1850.00	1	12	\$1850.00	\$22,200.00
1799082009.002	175.75	1	12	\$175.75	\$2109.00

TO Service Provider: Comcast

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1799082009.003	19.95	1	12	19.95	239.40
1799082009.004	.67	1	12	.67	8.04