

## **HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5**

Serving the Communities of Alhambra, Grantfork, Highland, New Douglas, and Pierron

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**TIMOTHY C. BAIR**  
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September 27, 2017

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USAC Appeal

To whom it may concern:

I submitted a valid claim for reimbursement of wireless controllers for Funding year 2016 – the total cost of the controllers (including licensing which is necessary to use the controllers) was \$40,160. This was reported on a timely filed Form 471 and Form 472.

A Case Management Associate removed the licensing cost from our reimbursement, apparently because I did not specify the terminology of “licensing costs” on our Form 471 even though the costs were included. When I discovered the modification on 4/5/2017 I submitted a status inquiry. I was told to file an appeal and proceeded to file on 4/12/2017.

On 9/27/2017 we received the attached denial based on the appeal being filed more than 60 days from the issuance of the FCDL. I am appealing this decision as I do not believe that the costs of the licensing, which are integral to the use of the wireless controllers, should have been removed from our request. Once I was made aware of the change, I followed the procedures given to me by USAC. I filed an appeal only to find out today that the appeal was denied due to the technicality of the timing of the filing.

This poses an undue hardship for our district as we had budgeted for the reimbursement to offset the costs of this much needed technology. I understand filing deadlines, rules and regulations, however I do not believe denying us the use of these funds follows the intent of USAC and/or FCC for providing resources to schools for technology.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Bair  
Business Manager

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**#167412** [Follow](#)**Case Details**

<b>Topic</b>	FCC Form 472 - BEAR - Status Inquiry	<b>Form Type</b>	FCC Form 472
<b>Status</b>	Closed	<b>Form Number</b>	2475652
<b>Priority</b>	Medium	<b>Created By</b>	User has been deactivated
<b>Inquiry Type</b>	Phone	<b>Created On</b>	4/5/2017 10:02 AM EDT
		<b>Organization</b>	HIGHLAND COMM SCHOOLS DIST 5

**Case Description**

**Description** I received a reduced amount for reimbursement on an invoice and i'm just wondering why?

**Case Artifacts****Documents**

Name	Uploaded By	Upload Date
No items available		

**Attachments**

Attachment	Attachment Type
No items available	

**Case Thread**

User	Note	Date
USAC	On the FCC Form 471, only "Wireless Controllers" was requested/approved for this FRN. All other products/services indicated on the bill(s) provided in support of the FCC Form 472 were removed from the reimbursement request.  If the applicant inadvertently omitted other separately-priced products/services from the FRN Line Items, the applicant can appeal their FCC Form 471 Funding Commitment Decision Letter.	4/6/2017 9:38 AM EDT

**Case Contact**

**Case Contact** Tim Bair

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**Wireless Controllers - #41750** [Follow](#)

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**Appeal Information**[View Status \(+\)](#)**Funding Year** 2016**Submitting Organization** HIGHLAND COMM SCHOOLS DIST 5 (BEN: 136463)**Created By** Tim Bair**Created On** 4/12/2017 9:40 AM EDT**Main Contact****Name** Tim Bair**Email** tbair@highlandcusd5.org**Phone Number** 618-654-2106**Narrative**

The cost of licensing for the wireless controllers was included in the form 471 and FCDL and they are an integral part of the controllers as they will not function without the licensing. However, the cost was excluded in our reimbursement.

**Appeal Details****Decision appealed by applicant** FCC Form 471 Funding Commitment Decision[View Supporting Documentation \(+\)](#)

## SALES QUOTATION

QUOTE NO	ACCOUNT NO	DATE
GXNZ048	1119420	3/30/2016

**BILL TO:**  
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT  
SCHOOL DIST  
400 BROADWAY

**SHIP TO:**  
HIGHLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL  
DIST  
Attention To: MATT FREDERICKSEN  
400 BROADWAY

Accounts Payable  
HIGHLAND, IL 62249-2024

HIGHLAND, IL 62249-2024  
Contact: MATT  
FREDERICKSEN 618.654.2106

Customer Phone #618.654.2106

Customer P.O. # MERAKI ERATE QUOTE

ACCOUNT MANAGER		SHIPPING METHOD	TERMS	EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
NICK SIMONETTI 877.800.3153		DROP SHIP-GROUND	NET 30 Days-Govt/Ed	E9994604105
QTY	ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
84	3354009	CISCO DIRECT LIC-ENT-5YR Mfg#: LIC-ENT-5YR Contract: MARKET	155.00	13,020.00
10	4000284	Electronic distribution - NO MEDIA CISCO DIRECT MR42-HW Mfg#: MR42-HW Contract: MARKET	420.00	4,200.00
74	3573133	CISCO DIRECT MR32-HW Mfg#: MR32-HW Contract: MARKET	310.00	22,940.00
SUBTOTAL				40,160.00
FREIGHT				0.00
TAX				0.00
				US Currency
TOTAL				40,160.00

CDW Government  
30 North Milwaukee Ave.  
Vernon Hills, IL 60061

Fax: 847.371.2142

**Please remit payment to:**  
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75 Remittance Drive  
Suite 1515  
Chicago, IL 60675-1515

*Handwritten signature: CBR 5/24/2016*