

**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	)	
	)	
Request for Waiver by	)	Application No. 1016143
The Ohio Public Library Information Network	)	
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**Request for Waiver**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am appealing the FCC Directive of "Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds" for FY2015 FCC Form 471 App. No. 1016143, FRNs 2830617 and 2830622 (SPIN 143034775) in the amount of \$10,248 that was disbursed based on BEAR Invoice ID 2651045, on behalf of Ohio Public Library Information Network. An appeal was originally filed with USAC on August 13, 2018 but was denied on September 26, 2018. Please note that FY2015 FCC Form 471 App. No. 1016143 was filed under BEN 148487, however, due to issues with EPC, the BEN was changed to 17000247.

On 5/19/2016, a BEAR was filed (Invoice ID 2387525) for the two FRNs for the first half of FY2015, covering the period of July - Dec. 2015. However, Agile (SPIN 143034775) did not validate the BEAR. On 10/22/2016, A second BEAR was filed (Invoice ID 2457385) for both FRNs for the second half of the funding year covering the period of January - June 2016, which was processed and a payment of \$10,899 was received. An Invoice Extension was filed for FRNs 2830617 and 2830622, which provided a Last Date to Invoice of 2/27/2017, in hopes of resolving the issue, but all attempts to cancel the first BEAR (Invoice ID 2387525) failed.

On 8/2/2017, Ohio Public Library Information Network received a "Administrator's Decision on FCC Remand - Funding Year 2015" letter, establishing a new Invoice Due Date of 10/1/2017. A new

BEAR was filed (Invoice ID 2651045) on 8/4/2017 for FRNs 2830617 and 2830622, covering the period of July - Dec. 2015, which was processed and a payment of \$10,248 was received.

The BEAR in question had been filed under explicit invoice extensions generated by USAC based on the FCC's 2017 Jefferson-Madison decision (DA 17-526). The BEAR was filed in good faith, solely based on the 8/2/2017 notification from USAC. The Ohio Public Library Information Network respectfully requests a reversal of the recovery of funds. In addition, as it is unclear as to the FCC Directive that overturned the invoice extension, we request the right to provide additional information if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorrie Germann".

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1      USAC Administrator's Decision on Appeal - FY15 w. Support Docs