



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools and Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2015: 07/01/2015 - 06/30/2016)

June 1, 2015

Jason Dennhardt
RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
9624 256TH ST N
PORT BYRON, IL 61275

Re: FCC Form 471 Application Number: 1024830
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 135969
Billed Entity FCC Registration Number (FCC RN): 0011864436
Nickname: Category 2

Thank you for your Funding Year 2015 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the FCC Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$8,053.10 is "Approved."

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act and Technology Plan Certification Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Guide to USAC Letter Reports in the Reference Area of our website.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- Review Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements.
- File FCC Form 486.
- Invoice USAC using the FCC Form 474, Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form, or FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, as products and services are being delivered and billed.

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., ECDL) 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 1024830 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.

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30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685, Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685
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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 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:

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

For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC, please see "Appeals" in the Schools and Libraries section of the USAC website.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services to their service provider(s). Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 474, the service provider must bill the applicant at the same time it bills USAC. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 472, the applicant pays the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) and then seeks reimbursement from USAC. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to Disposal or Trade-in of Equipment posted in the Reference Area of our website for more information.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. 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 all 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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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
BEN: 135969
Funding Year: 2015

Comment on RAL corrections:
The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 1024830
Funding Request Number: 2782207
Funding Status: Funded
Service Type: Internal Connections
FCC Form 470 Application Number: 127590001274093
SPIN: 143001883
Service Provider Name: Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc.
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: N/A
Service Start Date: 07/01/2015
Service End Date: 06/30/2016
Contract Award Date: N/A
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Shared Worksheet Number:
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$13,421.84
Pre-discount Amount: \$13,421.84
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 60%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$8,053.10 - FRN approved as submitted

FCDL Date: 06/01/2015
Wave Number: 002
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2016
Consultant Name:
Consultant Registration Number (CRN):
Consultant Employer:

Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

Please read instructions before completing. (To be completed by schools, libraries, or consortia.)

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT FORM

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Only one Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) per form.

Must be completed and signed by the Billed Entity Applicant and signed by the relevant service provider.

Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

FCC NOTICE FOR INDIVIDUALS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Part 54 of the Commission's Rules authorizes the FCC to collect the information on this form. Failure to provide all requested information will delay the processing of the application or result in the application being returned without action. Information requested by this form will be available for public inspection. Your response is required to obtain the requested authorization.

The public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to range from 1 to 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the required data, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. If you have any comments on this burden estimate, or how we can improve the collection and reduce the burden it causes you, please write to the Federal Communications Commission, AMD-PERM, Paperwork Reduction Act Project (3060-0856), Washington, DC 20554. We will also accept your comments regarding the Paperwork Reduction Act aspects of this collection via the Internet if you send them to PRA@fcc.gov. PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO THIS FORM TO THIS ADDRESS.

Remember - You are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number or if we fail to provide you with this notice. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0856.

THE FOREGOING NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974, PUBLIC LAW 93-579, DECEMBER 31, 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3) AND THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT OF 1995, PUBLIC LAW 104-13, OCTOBER 1, 1995, 44 U.S.C. SECTION 3507.

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| Applicant Form Identifier (Create an identifier for your own reference) BEAR_FRONTIER | FCC Form 472 Invoice # (To be inserted by administrator) 2266012 |
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| BLOCK 1: HEADER INFORMATION | |
| 1. Billed Entity Name | RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100 |
| 2. Billed Entity Number | 135969 |
| 3. Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) | 143001883 |
| 4. Contact Name | Jason Dennhardt |
| 5. Contact Telephone Number | 309- 5233184 ext |
| 6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14) | \$10,136.30 |

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form

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Billed Entity Name RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100 Billed Entity Number 135969Contact Name Jason Dennhardt Contact Telephone Number 309-5233184Applicant Form Identifier BEAR_FRONTIER**BLOCK 2: LINE ITEM INFORMATION PER FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER**

| | (7) | (8) | (9) | (10) | (11) | (12) | (13) | (14) |
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| | | | DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN. | For each FRN, complete either Column (10) or Column (11), but not both Columns | | | | |
| 1 | 1024830 | 2782207 | | 7/1/2015 | | \$13,421.84 | 60.00 | \$8,053.10 |
| 2 | 1024768 | 2782131 | | 7/1/2015 | | \$5,208.00 | 40.00 | \$2,083.20 |
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| TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT TO BE ENTERED INTO ITEM (6) | | | | | | | | \$10,136.30 |

BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT Reimbursement Form

Billed Entity Name RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100

Billed Entity Number 135969

Contact Name Jason Dennhardt

Applicant Form Identifier BEAR_FRONTIER

Block 3: Billed Entity Certification

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am authorized to submit this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form on behalf of the eligible schools, libraries, or consortia of those entities represented on this Form, and I certify to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

- A. The discount amounts listed in Column (14) of this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form represent charges for eligible services delivered to and used by eligible schools, libraries, or consortia of those entities for educational purposes, on or after the service start date reported on the associated Form 486.
- B. The discount amounts listed in Column (14) of this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form were already billed by the service provider and paid by the Billed Entity Applicant on behalf of eligible schools, libraries, and consortia of those entities.
- C. The discount amounts listed in Column (14) of this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form are for eligible services approved by the fund administrator pursuant to a Form 471 Funding Commitment Decision Letter.
- D. I recognize that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for five years any and all records that I rely upon to fill in this form.
- E. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Billed Entity Applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

15. Signature of authorized person Signed electronically by RON JACOBS

16. Date 3/9/2016

17. Printed name of authorized person RON JACOBS

18. Title or position of authorized person SUPERINTENDENT

19. Telephone number of authorized person 309- 5233184 ext 1004

20. Address of authorized person 9624 256TH ST NORTH, PORT BYRON IL 61275-9054

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Contact Name Jason Dennhardt

Applicant Form Identifier BEAR_FRONTIER

Block 4: Service Provider Acknowledgment

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am authorized to submit this Service Provider Acknowledgment for this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, and acknowledge to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, as follows:

- A. The service provider must remit the discount amount authorized by the fund administrator to the Billed Entity Applicant who prepared and submitted this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form as soon as possible after the fund administrator's notification to the service provider of the amount of the approved discounts on this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, but in no event later than 20 business days after receipt of the reimbursement payment from the fund administrator, subject to the restriction set forth in B. below.
- B. The service provider must remit payment of the approved discount amount to the Billed Entity Applicant prior to tendering or making use of the payment issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company to the service provider of the approved discounts for the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form.
- C. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Service Provider is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

21. Signature of authorized person (fax, copy or original signature) **Signed electronically by Alexis Guarnieri**

22. Date **3/18/2016**

23. Printed name of authorized person **Alexis Guarnieri**

24. Title or position of authorized person **Financial Analyst**

25. Telephone number of authorized person - **ext**

26. Address of authorized person **100 CTE Drive, Dallas PA 18612**

27.Applicant Remittance Information

Name **Jason Dennhardt**

Title **Technology Director**

Street Address

9624 256th St N

Port Byron, IL 61275

A paper copy of this Form (pages 1-4) should be mailed to:

**SLD BEAR FCC Form 472
P.O. Box 7026
Lawrence, KS 66044-7026**

If sent by express delivery services or U.S. Postal Service, Return Receipt Requested, the form (pages 1-4) should be mailed to:

**SLD Forms
ATTN: SLD BEAR FCC Form 472
3833 Greenway Drive
Lawrence, KS 66046
Phone: 1-888-203-8100**



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Schools and Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on FCC Remand - Funding Year 2015

August 2, 2017

Jason Dennhardt
RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
9624 256TH ST N
PORT BYRON, IL 61275-9054

Re: Applicant Name: RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
Billed Entity Number: 135969
Form 471 Application Number: 1024830
Funding Request Number: 2782207
FCC Order: 17-526
FCC Order Release Date: May 30, 2017
Invoice Due Date: September 1, 2017

Dear Program Participant:

You are receiving this Administrator's Decision Letter because USAC has identified you as qualifying for relief provided for in FCC Order DA 17-526 released on May 30, 2017.

In DA 17-526, the FCC directed USAC to allow applicants to resubmit invoices, or Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) forms, which had been timely filed between August 2014 and July 2016 and that were rejected "based on a lack of timely service provider certification before the invoice filing deadline." The FCC directed USAC to allow for resubmission of these BEARs and processing within the next 90 days.

We have identified your BEAR form # 2266012 in the amount of \$8053.1 which was rejected for lack of timely service provider certification after your timely submission.

Please resubmit your BEAR form for the information identified above by September 1, 2017 for processing.

If you need further assistance with filing your BEAR form, please see the BEAR form instructions on the USAC website or contact our Client Service Bureau (CSB) at 1-888-203-8100.

In addition, please note, service providers need to annually file a Service Provider Annual Certification (SPAC) Form, to certify they will comply with program rules. Your service provider(s) must have a SPAC Form on file for each Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) indicated on your BEAR form.

Sincerely,

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Universal Service for Schools and Libraries

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| Applicant FCC Form 498 ID | 443022167 |
| 4. Contact Name | Jason Dennhardt |
| 5. Contact Telephone Number | 309- 5233184 ext |
| 6. Total Reimbursement Amount (total from Block 2, Column 14) | \$8,053.10 |

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Billed Entity Number 135969

Contact Name Jason Dennhardt

Applicant Form Identifier BEAR_FRONTIER_2015

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- D. I acknowledge that I may be audited pursuant to this application and will retain for at least 10 years (or whatever retention period is required by the rules in effect at the time of this certification), after the latter of the last day of the applicable funding year or the service delivery deadline for the funding request any and all records that I rely upon to complete this form.
- E. I certify that, in addition to the foregoing, this Billed Entity Applicant is in compliance with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program, and I acknowledge that failure to be in compliance and remain in compliance with those rules and orders may result in the denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. I acknowledge that failure to comply with the rules and orders governing the schools and libraries universal service support program could result in civil or criminal prosecution by law enforcement authorities.

15. Signature of authorized person Signed electronically by RON JACOBS

16. Date 8/11/2017

17. Printed name of authorized person RON JACOBS

18. Title or position of authorized person SUPERINTENDENT

19. Telephone number of authorized person 309- 5233184

20. Address of authorized person 9624 256TH ST NORTH, PORT BYRON IL 61275-9054

Jason Dennhardt
RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
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Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter

Jason Dennhardt
RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
9624 256TH ST N
PORT BYRON, IL 61275 - 9054

5/18/2018

Our review of your Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (or E-rate) funding request has determined funds were committed in violation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. You have 60 days from the date of this letter to appeal the following decision(s). For more detailed information see below.

Total amount to be recovered: \$8,053.10

| <i>FCC Form 471</i> | <i>FRN</i> | <i>Commitment adjustment</i> | <i>Total amount to be recovered</i> | <i>Explanation(s)</i> | <i>Party to recover from</i> |
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| 1024830 | 2782207 | \$0.00 | \$8,053.10 | FCC Directive | Applicant |

See Attached Adjustment Report for more information on the specific FRNs and Explanations listed above.

Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds

Our review of your Universal Service Schools and Libraries Support Program (or E-rate) funding request(s) referenced in the Adjustment Report has determined funds were improperly disbursed in violation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. A copy of that Adjustment Report is also attached to this letter.



FCC rules require the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to rescind commitments and recover funding when it is determined that funding was committed and disbursed in violation of the rules. This letter notifies you that USAC will be adjusting your funding commitment(s) and provides information on how to appeal this decision.

This is NOT a bill. If disbursed funds need to be recovered, USAC will issue a Demand Payment Letter. The debt referenced in the Demand Payment Letter will be due within 30 days of that letter's date. Failure to pay the debt may result in interest, late payment fees, and administrative charges and will invoke the FCC's "Red Light Rule."

FCC's Red Light Rule

The FCC Red Light Rule requires USAC to dismiss pending FCC Form 471 applications, appeals, and invoices or to net disbursements offsetting the debt if the entity responsible for paying the outstanding debt owed to the FCC has not paid the debt or made satisfactory arrangements to pay the debt within 30 days of the Demand Payment Letter. For information on the Red Light Rule, see

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/debt-collection-improvement-act-implementation>

To Appeal This Decision

If you wish to contest any part of this letter, you must first file an appeal with USAC to seek review of the decision. Parties that have filed an appeal with USAC and received an adverse decision may, if they choose, appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Parties seeking a waiver of a codified FCC rule should file a request for waiver directly with the FCC because USAC cannot waive FCC rules. Your appeal to USAC or waiver request to the FCC must be filed within 60 days of the date of this letter.

All appeals filed with USAC must be filed in EPC by selecting "Appeal" from the menu in the top right hand corner of your landing page and providing the requested information.

Your appeal should include the following information. (Because you file the appeal through your EPC account, the system will automatically fill in some of these components for you).

- 1) Name, address, telephone number, and email address for the contact person for this appeal.
- 2) Indicate specifically that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds) and the decision you are appealing:



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As mentioned, parties seeking a waiver of FCC rules or that have filed an appeal with USAC and received a decision may file a request for waiver or appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Waiver requests or appeals to the FCC must be made within 60 days of the issuance of USAC's decision and include all of the information referenced above for appeals to USAC.

The FCC recommends filing appeals or waiver requests with the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to ensure timely filing. Electronic waiver requests or appeals will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at any time before 11:59 PM ET. If you have questions or comments about using the ECFS, please contact the FCC directly at (202) 418-0193.

For more information about submitting waiver requests or appeals to the FCC, including options to submit the waiver request or appeal via U.S. mail or hand delivery, visit the FCC's website.

Schools and Libraries Division

cc: Joel Novitski

Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc.



Adjustment Report

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| FCC Form 471 Application Number: | 1024830 |
| Funding Request Number: | 2782207 |
| Commitment Adjustment: | \$0.00 |
| Total Amount to Be Recovered: | \$8,053.10 |
| Explanation(s): | FCC Directive |
| Party to Recover From: | Applicant |
| Funding Year: | 2015 |
| Billed Entity Number: | 135969 |
| Services Ordered: | INTERNAL CONNECTIONS |
| Service Provider Name: | Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. |
| SPIN: | 143001883 |
| Original Funding Commitment: | \$8,053.10 |
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Joel Novitski
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Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter

Jason Dennhardt
RIVERDALE COMM UNIT S D 100
9624 256TH ST N
PORT BYRON, IL 61275 - 9054

5/18/2018

Our review of your Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Program (or E-rate) funding request has determined funds were committed in violation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. You have 60 days from the date of this letter to appeal the following decision(s). For more detailed information see below.

Total amount to be recovered: \$8,053.10

| <i>FCC Form 471</i> | <i>FRN</i> | <i>Commitment adjustment</i> | <i>Total amount to be recovered</i> | <i>Explanation(s)</i> | <i>Party to recover from</i> |
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See Attached Adjustment Report for more information on the specific FRNs and Explanations listed above.

Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds

Our review of your Universal Service Schools and Libraries Support Program (or E-rate) funding request(s) referenced in the Adjustment Report has determined funds were improperly disbursed in violation of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. A copy of that Adjustment Report is also attached to this letter.



FCC rules require the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to rescind commitments and recover funding when it is determined that funding was committed and disbursed in violation of the rules. This letter notifies you that USAC will be adjusting your funding commitment(s) and provides information on how to appeal this decision.

This is NOT a bill. If disbursed funds need to be recovered, USAC will issue a Demand Payment Letter. The debt referenced in the Demand Payment Letter will be due within 30 days of that letter's date. Failure to pay the debt may result in interest, late payment fees, and administrative charges and will invoke the FCC's "Red Light Rule."

FCC's Red Light Rule

The FCC Red Light Rule requires USAC to dismiss pending FCC Form 471 applications, appeals, and invoices or to net disbursements offsetting the debt if the entity responsible for paying the outstanding debt owed to the FCC has not paid the debt or made satisfactory arrangements to pay the debt within 30 days of the Demand Payment Letter. For information on the Red Light Rule, see

<https://www.fcc.gov/licensing-databases/fees/debt-collection-improvement-act-implementation>

To Appeal This Decision

If you wish to contest any part of this letter, you must first file an appeal with USAC to seek review of the decision. Parties that have filed an appeal with USAC and received an adverse decision may, if they choose, appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Parties seeking a waiver of a codified FCC rule should file a request for waiver directly with the FCC because USAC cannot waive FCC rules. Your appeal to USAC or waiver request to the FCC must be filed within 60 days of the date of this letter.

All appeals filed with USAC must be filed in EPC by selecting "Appeal" from the menu in the top right hand corner of your landing page and providing the requested information.

Your appeal should include the following information. (Because you file the appeal through your EPC account, the system will automatically fill in some of these components for you).

- 1) Name, address, telephone number, and email address for the contact person for this appeal.
- 2) Indicate specifically that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds) and the decision you are appealing:



- a. Appellant name;
- b. Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant;
- c. Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN);
- d. FCC Form 471 Application Number and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC;
- e. "Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds," AND the exact text or the decision that you are appealing.

3) Identify the problem and the reason for the appeal and explain precisely the relief sought. Please keep your appeal to the point, and provide supporting documentation. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation. A copy will automatically be saved for you in EPC. USAC will reply to your appeal submission to confirm receipt.

For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC including step by step instructions on how to file the appeal through EPC, please see "Appeals" in the Schools and Libraries section of the USAC website.

As mentioned, parties seeking a waiver of FCC rules or that have filed an appeal with USAC and received a decision may file a request for waiver or appeal USAC's decision to the FCC. Waiver requests or appeals to the FCC must be made within 60 days of the issuance of USAC's decision and include all of the information referenced above for appeals to USAC.

The FCC recommends filing appeals or waiver requests with the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to ensure timely filing. Electronic waiver requests or appeals will be considered filed on a business day if they are received at any time before 11:59 PM ET. If you have questions or comments about using the ECFS, please contact the FCC directly at (202) 418-0193.

For more information about submitting waiver requests or appeals to the FCC, including options to submit the waiver request or appeal via U.S. mail or hand delivery, visit the FCC's website.

Schools and Libraries Division

cc: Joel Novitski

Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc.



Adjustment Report

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APPEAL LETTER: Improperly Disbursed Funds FOR FRN 2782207

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To whom it may concern:

Riverdale CUSD 100 (BEN# 135969) is appealing the decision of Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds for FCC Form 471 #1024830, FRN 2782207 from Service Provider Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. (SPIN 143001883).

The letter stated "For recurring services, invoices must be submitted no later than 120 days after the last day to receive service or 120 days after the FCC Form 486 Notification Letter date, whichever is later. Services must be delivered within the fund year. Your invoice was received after the invoice deadline."

We must appeal this because:

- This is not a recurring service, this 471 was for one-time purchase of network switches.
- The last date to invoice for this FRN was 9/1/2017, we submitted the invoice on 8/11/2017 and got approval on 8/14/2017. Also we actually submitted the original invoice in the year of 2015 but it needed further review. We finally submitted it on the invoice again on 8/11/2017 and it was approved on 8/14/2017, which is prior to the last date to invoice of 9/1/2017

Please consider this appeal.

Sincerely,

Jason Dennhardt
Technology Director
Riverdale CUSD 100



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Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2015

November 9, 2018

Jason Dennhardt
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Orange, CT 06477

Re: Applicant Name: Riverdale CUSD 100
Billed Entity Number: 135969
Form 471 Application Number: 1024830
Funding Request Number(s) (FRN): 2782207
Your Correspondence Dated: May 21, 2018

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has completed its evaluation of the May 21, 2018 letter of appeal (Appeal) submitted by Riverdale CUSD 100.¹ The Appeal requests that USAC cease its recovery action because the consortium timely submitted its invoice before the extended September 1, 2017 invoicing deadline.²

USAC has reviewed the appeal and the facts related to this matter and determined that it cannot grant the appeal because USAC is not authorized to waive the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules.³ USAC is also required to seek recovery for funding that is disbursed in violation of the FCC rules.⁴

On May 30, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued the *Jefferson-Madison Reconsideration Order* directing USAC to identify and allow all applicants who timely filed their Billed Entity Application for Reimbursement (BEAR) forms to be allowed to resubmit their BEAR forms even if their service provider failed to certify the BEAR form prior to the original invoicing deadline.⁵

¹ Letter from Jason Dennhardt, Riverdale CUSD 100 to Schools and Libraries Division, USAC (May 21, 2018) (*Appeal*).

² *Id.* at 2.

³ See generally, 47 C.F.R. § 54.702(c) (2013) (“[USAC] may not make policy, interpret unclear provisions of the statute or rules, or interpret the intent of Congress.”). See 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c) (“Parties seeking waivers of the Commission’s rules shall seek relief directly from the Commission.”).

⁴ See *Changes to the Bd. Of Directors of the Nat’l Exchange Carrier Association, et al.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, *et al.*, Order, FCC 99-291 (1999) (*Commitment Adjustment Order*); *Changes to the Bd. Of Directors of the Nat’l Exchange Carrier Association, et al.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, *et al.*, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 7197 (1999) (*Commitment Adjustment Waiver Order*); *Changes to the Bd. of Directors of the Nat’l Exchange Carrier Association, et al.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, *et al.*, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 22975 (2000) (*Commitment Adjustment Implementation Order*).

⁵ *Petition for Reconsideration by Jefferson-Madison Regional Library*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order on Reconsideration, 32 FCC Rcd 4626, 4632, para. 15 (2017).

The invoicing deadline for Funding Request Number (FRN) 2782207 was October 28, 2016. Riverdale CUSD 100 did not submit a BEAR form for that FRN by that deadline, and therefore was ineligible for relief under the *Jefferson-Madison Reconsideration Order*. However, USAC erroneously identified Riverdale CUSD 100 as an applicant who qualified for the relief and improperly extended the invoice filing deadline for FRN 2782207 to September 1, 2017.⁶ Because USAC is not authorized to waive the FCC's invoicing deadline rules,⁷ USAC must recover funding that was disbursed in violation of the FCC's rules.⁸ For these reasons, your appeal is denied.

If you want to seek a waiver of FCC rules, or if you wish to appeal this decision, you must submit your request for waiver or appeal to the FCC within 60 days of the date of this decision letter. On all communications with the FCC, be sure to reference CC Docket No. 02-6. The FCC recommends filing with the Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) to ensure timely filing. You can find instructions for using ECFS on the ECFS Online Manual page of the FCC's website. The FCC will consider electronic filings as filed on a business day if they are received before midnight ET. If you have questions or comments about using the ECFS, please contact the FCC directly at (202) 418-0193 or via email. For additional information about submitting appeals or waiver requests to the FCC, including options to submit via U.S. mail or hand delivery, visit the FCC's website at: <https://www.fcc.gov/reports-research/guides/how-file-paper-documents-fcc>.

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⁶ See Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, USAC to Jason Dennhardt, Riverdale CUSD 100 (Aug. 2, 2017) (notifying Jason Dennhardt that it qualified for relief pursuant to the *Jefferson-Madison Order* and extending the invoicing deadline to September 1, 2017).

⁷ See generally, 47 C.F.R. § 54.702(c) (2013) ("[USAC] may not make policy, interpret unclear provisions of the statute or rules, or interpret the intent of Congress."). See 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c) ("Parties seeking waivers of the Commission's rules shall seek relief directly from the Commission."). *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Merced Union High School*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 18803, 18805 (2000) ("We note that rules and policies are enforced even where a party received erroneous advice from a government employee, and the Commission is not estopped from enforcing its rules in a manner that is inconsistent with the advice provided by the employee, particularly when the relief requested would be contrary to an applicable statute or rule.").

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