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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject : Request for Review by Green Pastures Christian Academy of Decision by USAC (SLD)

Ref: Docket # 02-6

Re:

Applicant name	Green Pastures Christian Academy
Billed Entity #	32116
Form 471 #	852264
FRN	2316811

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Brief History:

- School was approved for funding of discounted services vide our FRN 2316811
- Project was executed and completed in accordance with existing rules.
- During a PIA audit of the fund award USAC determined Entity had pre-K on the premises and determined it as a violation of rules.
- The School appealed the decision on the grounds pre-K was never a part of the premises when the grant was applied for. Pre-K existed in a physically distanced second location and was never made a part of the application process. Specifically no funds were requested for pre-K.
- School appealed at the first instance of the USAC notice dated July 19, 2016.
- Appeal was dismissed by USAC on technical grounds that the appeal was not filed within 60 days of their letter dated April 22, 2016. This is the first instance when it came to our notice that a letter was issued on said date. We have not been able to find this letter in our records.

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REASON FOR APPEAL:

Our appeal has been dismissed on technical grounds of being filed out of window and not on any other grounds. A copy of their Decision letter is enclosed in support.

We humbly request for a Review as the stated USAC letter was not received by us or we would have appealed within the allowed time window of 60 days.

We filed an Appeal within the allowed window of the first instance of such a decision by USAC to come to our notice ie their letter of July 19, 2016.

The School has never intended to be in violation of any rules and seek your Grant of our Appeal.

COMPASSIONATE VIEW

We are truly grateful for the E-Rate program, but for which the School would never have been able to provide the digital access that is a must have for students of this date. The School operates on a very meager budget but has been fulfilling a critical need of the community for the last 30 years. Most of the students in the School are from economically disadvantaged families. Providing such a capability for our students was on our "to do" list for long but due to paucity of resources it could not be achieved until your grant was received. With help from your grant we were able to bring about a major change in the digital facilities available to the students, at School or home, due economic constraints.

Any decision to reverse your decision regarding the grant funds would be detrimental to the process of education and the future of the student population.

Whilst it is difficult to pinpoint what went wrong with the first USAC letter (of April 20, 2016), I feel the School should not be subjected to such a major penalty. If at all there was an error at our end it is truly regretted.

I earnestly hope you will consider our appeal and arrive at a decision in our favor. Do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information, per details below.

In support we have attached a copy of our Appeal to USAC as well as other documents referenced below.

Thank you for your help with this.

Sincerely

Dr Collette Gunby
Principal
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Enclosed: Original + 4 copies of:

- Appeal to FCC
- Copy of USAC Decision Letter dated Oct 26, 2016
- Copy of Appeal to USAC dated Sep 17, 2016

Sept 16, 2016

Schools & Libraries Program
30 Lanidex Plaza West, PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

LETTER OF APPEAL

Re:		
	Applicant	Green Pastures Christian Acad
	BEN	32116
	Form 471 Apllication #	852264
	FRN #	2316811
	Your correspondence dated	July 19, 2016

This letter is to appeal your decision to collect a part of the grant dispersed.

Pre-KG Facility

We wish to appeal your decision that the School violated program rules, stating "services were provided for Pre-KG students".

We wish to bring to your attention that the Pre-KG section of the School existed in a separate building situated at 5488 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur GA a location away from the Main campus located at 5455 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur GA, for which the grant was applied for around Dec 2011. The pre-KG location was not connected to the Main campus (with students K though 8) in any form physically or through any network.

In the recent past the building housing the pre-KG entities deteriorated needing extensive repairs and physically hazardous for the occupants. Until the School can put together the resources to carry out the needed repairs and keeping the health and welfare of small children, it was decided to house them temporarily in the Main campus building (at 5455 Flat Shoals Pkwy).

In a recent communication following your PQA program an answer for the presence of pre-K facility our answer stated "Yes" being that was the state on date. I do realize we should have qualified the answer with a detailed clarification about the repair situation and temporary arrangements. We apologize for this omission as the gravity of such a response was not within our knowledge. That it would lead to the current situation could not be anticipated at all.

Our submission is based on the fact that was pre-K part of the entity applying for or receiving the Program funds at the dates that apply, the answer is "No". As you would agree we did not violate any program rules.

Cisco Switch WS-C2960 Qty (1)

Your letter also states that the above switch could not be located. This switch is separately located in the Media Room where there is large concentration of computers and where students avail the facility to

access Internet and do other computer related activities. This switch not being located in the Equipment Closet lead to our omission to state so and your finding the "switch could not be located".
The switch is physically in the building but not in the Equipment Closet. Any error on our part is deeply regretted.

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We are truly grateful for the SPL program, but for which the School would never have been able to provide the digital access that is a must have for students of this date. The School operates on a very meager budget but has been fulfilling a critical need of the community for the last 30 years. Most of the students in the School are from economically disadvantaged families. Providing such a capability for our students was on our "to do" list for long but due to paucity of resources it could not be achieved until your grant was received.

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2012-2013

October 26, 2016

Dr. Collette Gunby
Green Pastures Christian Acad
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Re:	Applicant Name:	GREEN PASTURES CHRISTIAN ACAD
	Billed Entity Number:	32116
	Form 471 Application Number:	852264
	Funding Request Number(s):	2316811
	Your Correspondence Dated:	September 17, 2016

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision regarding your appeal for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s):	2316811
Decision on Appeal:	**Dismissed**
Explanation:	

- Your appeal is being made on a FCC Form 471 for which a Commitment Adjustment Decision Letter (CAL) was issued on April 22, 2016. Procedures for filing an appeal are explained in your CAL and can be found in Appeals posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website. You had 60 days to appeal USACs decision, which was identified in the CAL. After the 60 days, the Demand Payment Letter was issued on July 19, 2016 and the second was on August 30, 2016. The Demand Payment Letter, which you are appealing, is a request for payment and is not the USAC decision on the Commitment. Consequently, your appeal is being dismissed.

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You

should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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