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Appeal of Form 486 Adjusted Service Start Date
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to appeal the adjusted service start date on my Form 486 Notification Letter Report(s) for FY13. As in previous years we filed all of the appropriate forms by the corresponding deadlines including the 486. I received an "UGERNET REMINDER: Your Form 486 May Be Late" letter dated December 12, 2013, at which time I had already submitted the Form 486. I called USAC to ask and inquired about the letter and they explained that they had received my Form 486 for FY13 and that the letters must have gotten crossed in the mail and to disregard the "UGERNET REMINDER: Your Form 486 May Be Late" letter. Following USAC's instruction I disregarded the letter. I then received a "Form 486 Notification Letter" dated December 18, 2013. This letter is the typical confirmation of the 486 submission that I receive, hence further assurance of what I had been told on the phone by the USAC. I continued to receive discounts on my bills from vendors for FY13.

It was not until preparing the 486 for FY14 and making a call to USAC for the purpose of ensuring that everything was in order for FY14 that I was alerted that the Form 486 for FY13 had not been filed. Needless to say I was surprised by this news and further investigated the situation. Following my investigation, I discovered that a Form 486 had been filed for FY13, but did not have all of our vendors listed. We have filed the Form 486 for a number of years and have always just copied the vendors listed on the Form 471 to the Form 486. It appears that due to a possible technical or other unknown issue that not all vendors were listed on the Form 486 for FY13.

I have since filed another Form 486 for FY13 at the advising of USAC, and experienced technical issues causing me to be required to file and certify one by mail, and received responses from all three indicating the "service start date" has been adjusted to 06/10/2014. This date allows for approximately 20 days of funding for FY13 expenses.

Vienna High School is a small, rural, poor school, located in deep southern Illinois. We have a free and reduced lunch count of over 50% and are a state aid dependent school in a state that has reduced state aid for the last 5 years. In our last teachers' contracted our staff agreed to a salary freeze, meaning no raises were given, while health care and other cost of living experiences have increased. To have the "service start date" adjusted will be detrimental to the financial wellbeing of school and will have a direct impact on our ability to provide a quality of education for our students.

We ask that the adjusted "service start date" be changed back to the original service start date.

Sincerely,

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