

3/7/2015

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 S. Jefferson Rd
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Re: Letter of Appeal of Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2015-2016

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am submitting this letter of appeal to the FCC regarding denial of E-rate FY 2015 funding request for e Internal Connections on the grounds that, the FCC appeal was not received within 60 days of the FCDL being issued.

Appellant Name:	Erate Exchange, LLC
Applicant Name:	Summit School District
471 Application Number:	1004303
Billed Entity Number:	123113
FRN:	2775412
Service Provider:	Verizon Wireless / Aspire

SLD Explanation for denial: “... *response was received 60 days after the USAC FCDL had been issued*”

The issue in this case boils down simply to this: The denial of funding is based on the USAC claim to have not received the requested documentation by the due date of 12/21/15. A response with proper documentation was sent via email and fax to the reviewer before the due date.

The FCDL was issued 10/22/2015, so the 60 day deadline was 12/21/15. The USAC Appeal was denied on the grounds that the Appeal was not submitted by this day. Please see the attached email and appeal confirmations that both support the submission date of 12/21/15 – which is within the 60 day deadline

Given that the denial of funding in this case was based on an administrative error from USAC, and that the original appeal was needed because the USAC reviewer mistakenly pushed this application through to the approval stage (see enclosures), we respectfully request the original appeal request be enforced, and funding be restored to the FRN per the USAC appeal and RAL request that was not enforced by the PIA reviewer. Not doing so would be harmful to the district as they spent millions of dollars on Category 2 equipment and this would severely indebt them if they do not get the support they deserve.

We respectfully request that you overturn the denial and restore full funding of the FRN. Thank you for reviewing this appeal. Please use the contact information below.

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Sincerely,
E-rate Exchange, LLC

Sean Cuskey
Director of Operations

Enclosures: E-mail submission of USAC Appeal dated 12/12/15; Appeal confirmation receipt dated 12/21/15; USAC Appeal; PIA reviewer admission of error in review; RAL Request; Vendor Documentation from Aspire