

3/7/2015

Letter of Appeal  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12 Street SW  
Washington DC 20554

Re: Letter of Appeal to the FCC of USAC 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 Voice Services on the grounds that, vendor documentation was not provided during USAC appeal. All documentation was submitted to the USAC reviewer within the timeframe stipulated in the PIA letter

Appellant Name:	Erate Exchange, LLC
Applicant Name:	Hanover Park Regional
471 Application Number:	10008998
Billed Entity Number:	123135
FRN:	2775412
Service Provider:	Optimum Lightpath

SLD Explanation for denial: *“... as no response was received by this date, USAC was unable to determine the eligibility of your funding request.”*

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 2/9/2016. A response with proper documentation was sent via email and fax to the reviewer before the due date.

The USAC reviewer sent a PIA for the review of the USAC Appeal on 1/25/16 with a due date of 2/9/16. The consultant sent a response to the reviewer with the requested documentation on 2/3/16, 6 days before the due date. The response also asks the reviewer to confirm receipt, which he does not. Please see enclosures of the email response and supporting vendor documentation. Please also see the attached fax confirmation dated 2/3/16.

Given that the denial of funding in this case was based on an administrative error from USAC, the Parties respectfully request that the FCC process thus appeal and that the SLD process this Letter of Appeal and approve the funding commitment for Hanover Park. The denial of funding for mistake from USAC places a particular hardship on a school district such as Hanover Park that otherwise should have been approved for and received E-rate funding for its application.

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 response dated 2/3/16; Fax Confirmation Dated 3/2/16; Vendor documentation for FRN 2775412; Response letter for Application 1000899; Original USAC Appeal for App# 1000899