



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Referral of Appeal to the FCC

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May 16, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: In the Matter of Request for Review of the Universal Service Administrator, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism
CC Docket No. 02-6;

Administrator's Transmittal of Appeal to the Federal Communications Commission for Consideration

In re: Joint Council For Economic Opportunity Of Clinton & Franklin Counties, Inc.,
Plattsburgh, NY
Billed Entity Number: 16040361
Appellant: Erate Solutions Group
Fund Year: 2015 FCC Form 471: 1017245
Fund Year: 2015 FCC Form 486: 1135582
Decision Letter Date: February 26, 2016
Appeal Postmark Date: March 20, 2016

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has received an appeal submitted by the appellant indicated above. Because the issue raised on appeal relates to denial of funding for which USAC has already issued its decision, the appellant should have appealed to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rather than to USAC pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(b). FCC staff has requested that when USAC receives an appeal under these circumstances, USAC should transmit the appeal directly to the FCC for consideration rather than returning the appeal to the appellant. USAC has determined the appeal was filed within the 60 day appeal window set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 54.720(a). USAC is hereby transmitting to the FCC a copy of the appeal filed by the appellant, which is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Universal Service Administrative Company

Enclosure: Letter of Appeal

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