

*via FCC ECFS*

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Matthew S. DelNero  
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism,  
CC Docket No. 02-6, Estimate of Demand for Funding Year 2016

Dear Mr. DelNero:

USAC's estimate of demand for Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism discounts for Funding Year (FY) 2016 (July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017) is \$3.609 billion, of which \$2.330 billion is for Category 1 and \$1.279 billion for Category 2. This estimate is based on total funds requested during the first FCC Form 471 filing period (window), \$3.175 billion, and a projected amount of \$434 million for the second filing period (window).

The \$434 million estimate for the second filing period assumes that total demand for libraries and consortia will be 10 percent higher than FY 2015 demand for those entities (\$553.8 million) and subtracts the total already applied for by libraries and consortia in the first filing period (\$174.8 million). A table showing estimated demand by applicant type and filing period for FY 2016, is attached to this letter.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this information.

Sincerely,

//s// Mel Blackwell  
Vice President, Schools and Libraries Division

Attachment: FY2016 Demand Estimate Letter to FCC

cc: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (via electronic filing)  
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