

RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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In the matter of : Request for Review by Ruidoso Municipal School District of decision of Universal Service Administrator (FCC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45)

1. Ruidoso Municipal School District is a public school in the state of New Mexico. We have an interest in securing the appropriate Universal Service Fund discounts to support educational programs for 2,450 students.

2. The relevant facts and supporting documents are attached and include:

- *Ruidoso Municipal School District correspondence of February 5, 1999 with attachments
- *Universal Services Administrative Company correspondence of April 9, 1999, "Administrator's Decision on Appeal"
- *Affidavit of May 3, 1999
- *Minutes of July 20, 1998 SLC Board Meeting (page 3)

3. The question presented for review: Since the Schools and Libraries Corporations (SLC) has admitted to poor quality of technical assistance provided schools and since Ruidoso Municipal School District did, in fact, receive incorrect technical assistance from SLC, should the Ruidoso Municipal School District's students and programs suffer the loss of funding?

4. Relief sought: The Ruidoso Municipal School District requests \$51,918.00 based on the Estimated Total Annual Pre-discounted cost for GTE telephone services for 18 months (\$70,145 at 74% discount). Please see attached Funding Commitment letter, page 5.

Highest regards,



Paul Wirth Ed.D.
Director of Instructional Support

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February 5, 1999

Schools and Libraries Corporation
Box 125
Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Staff,

This correspondence is written in reference to our funding commitment letter dated January 26, 1999 (enclosed). According to that SLC letter, questions should be addressed to this unit and address.

Our specific concern is on page 5, funding request number: 00083658. This was a telecommunications services request through service provider GTE. We live in a rural, mountainous area of South Central New Mexico with only one local telephone service provider. We contacted SLC as to this specific funding request and simply followed the instructions provided. Specifically, we logged several telephone conversations to telephone number 888-203-8100 in December, 1997 and were told that posting on the SLC website for our situation and this specific request was not required. We followed that technical assistance provided by SLC.

If we are denied funding due to incorrect technical assistance we do not feel our district should suffer the consequences. SLC has publicly stated through video conferences the problems it has had providing consistent, reliable information to applicants. This was

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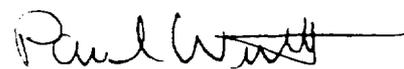
especially true 14 months ago when the 1998 application process first began. As SLC supervisors have shared with us, there has been a significant turnover of staff providing public technical assistance to school districts.

The application process for our schools has been very challenging. We have had 13 different requests for additional information from SLC, many of which were redundant and reflected a basic lack of understanding by SLC staff of their own forms for example. On three separate occasions, the same information was requested but by different SLC staff and weeks apart. All of this is logged and documented. Our point is that this has been a learning process for us all.

We strongly request this telecommunications service be funded. The FCC has established this service as a priority. We received inaccurate technical assistance from SLC. We do not feel our students should be denied additional technology resources due to these circumstances.

We appreciate your time and look forward to a positive response to this appeal.

Highest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Wirth". The signature is written in black ink and has a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Wirth, Ed.D.
Director



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RUIDOSO MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DIST

Paul Wirth
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January 26, 1999

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 29924
Funding Year: 1998
Billed Entity Number: 143371

We have completed our review of your FCC Form 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, and made decisions with respect to your requests for discounts along with other applications received within the same time period. This letter is to advise you of our decisions.

As you may know, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in June 1998 made two changes to the Universal Service Fund for schools and libraries that have direct bearing on your discount request for 1998. First, the 1998 program year has been extended by six months, for a new ending date of June 30, 1999. Second, the FCC established new funding priorities whereby all eligible applicants will receive discounts for eligible telecommunications services and Internet access. Support for internal connections will be allocated in accordance with need so that schools and libraries will receive discounts in order of the discount percentages for which they qualify beginning with applications qualifying for the highest discount percentages. Discounts for internal connections will continue until all funds are exhausted. These changes are reflected in the information in this letter regarding your discount request.

On the following page(s) is a list, by row of Items 15 and 16 of your FCC Form 471. For each item, there is a Funding Request Number (FRN) and several other

very important pieces of information relating to the disposition of that request. A complete explanation of each item begins below.

If you have any questions about our decisions on your discounts, you may send them in writing to the Schools and Libraries Corporation, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 100 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Your next step in the discounting process is to complete and submit the FCC Form 486 enclosed with this letter to notify the SLC that you are currently receiving or have already begun to receive services for which discounts have been approved. This will enable your service providers to invoice SLC for your discounts. Please note that we are notifying each service provider listed on your Form 471 of our decision on your discount request. In addition, you should contact each service provider yourself to make any necessary arrangements regarding start of services, billing of discounts, and any other administrative details relevant to your participation in the Universal Service Fund. For important information about your Form 486, see next page.

FCC Form 471 Applicants who are approved for discount eligibility are reminded that they continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that the SLC may undertake to assure that discounted services are being used in compliance with program rules. If the SLC discovers that discounted services are not being used in compliance with program rules, 471 Applicants will be subject to enforcement activities and other means of recourse by the SLC and other appropriate Federal, state, and local authorities.

Explanation of Information Provided in SLC Funding Notification

On the following pages we provide you with a synopsis of the discount eligibility decision for each item you requested. To help understand this synopsis the following definitions are provided:

- * Funding Request Number (FRN): A number assigned by the SLC that will identify a Funding Request. A Funding Request is a single row of item 15 or 16.
- * Funding Status: An item may be "Funded," "Denied," "Partially Funded," or not approved because of "Funds Exhausted." An item that is "Funded" will be approved at the level that SLC determines is appropriate for that item. That will generally be the level requested by the Applicant unless the SLC determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate, for example, a different discount percentage for that item than the FCC Form 471 featured. If an item is "Denied," that denial will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision," and amplification of that explanation may be offered in the section, "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An item will be "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded," in accordance with FCC program rules, if the total amount of funds in the Universal Service Fund is insufficient to fully fund all approved requests. If the Form 471 was received after all the funds in the Universal Service Fund were allocated and it was processed, the status will indicate "Unfunded - Funds Exhausted."
- * SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned to each service provider by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).
- * Service Provider Name: The legal name of the service provider.
- * Provider Contract Number: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * Services Ordered: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on Form 471.

- * **Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount:** The first possible date of service for which the SLC will reimburse the service provider for discounted services. Note: If the actual service start date provided on a Form 486 is later than this date, the actual service start date set forth in the Form 486 will be the effective date of the discount.
- * **Contract Expiration Date:** The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on Form 471.
- * **Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost:** Amount in Column 10 of Item 15/16, Form 471 as determined through the application review process, PLUS an automatic extension of monthly costs for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access through June 30, 1999. Please note that, during the Problem Resolution process at SLC, the amount in Col. 10 of Item 15/16 may have been corrected to conform to the information provided about Service Start Date and Monthly Costs.
- * **Discount Percentage Approved by SLC:** This is the discount rate that the SLC has approved for this service.
- * **Funding Commitment Decision:** This represents the total amount of funding that the SLC is now reserving to reimburse service providers for the cost of the discount for this service. This figure may be different from the Estimated Total Annual Pre-Discount Cost (Col. 10 of Item 15/16) times the Percentage Discount (Col. 11 of Item 15/16) in your application. It may be higher because of the addition of the monthly cost for Telecommunications Services and Internet Access for the six months from January 1, 1999, through June 30, 1999. It may be lower because of an adjustment determined appropriate by the SLC, such as of the discount percentage, or a denial of discounts and, if so, the accompanying comment will explain this difference. The difference may also reflect a reduction from the request level made necessary by overall funding limitations, in which case the "Funding Status" above will indicate "Partially Funded" or "Unfunded." Whatever amount is listed here, it is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLC should be invoiced and the SLC may direct disbursement of discounts on only eligible, approved services actually rendered.
- * **Funding Commitment Decision Explanation:** This entry may appear to amplify the comment in the "Funding Commitment Decision," if the discount request for this service is denied for reasons other than "Unfunded" or if the SLC determined that some adjustment to the request level was appropriate.

Using the Enclosed FCC Form 486 and Invoice

FCC Form 486: You will use this form to notify the SLC that you are currently receiving or have already received services for which discounts have been approved. Your completed Form 486 allows us to begin processing invoices from your service providers for your discounts. It also sets in motion the process by which you and your service provider can invoice SLC for approved services you have already paid for.

Each Billed Entity Applicant must file a separate Form 486, although each Billed Entity's Form 486 may include services from multiple Forms 471 if the same Billed Entity Number is listed on the various Funding Commitment Decision letters that you receive. When completing your Form 486, please be certain to use the Billed Entity Number as listed at the beginning of this Funding Commitment letter. (We may have revised or corrected the Billed Entity Number from your original Form 471, so please use the number exactly as it is listed in this letter.)

To assist in completing your Form 486, we have pre-printed your Block 1 information, including the Billed Entity Number. Please review the pre-printed

information. If you believe there is an error in the pre-printed information -except for the Billed Entity Number-please cross off and print the correct information above each item. Then make multiple copies of this Billed Entity -specific Form 486 for future use, and follow the instructions with the form to complete and submit it to SLC.

Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form: If you have already paid in full for services for which you are now being approved for discounts, you can use the enclosed Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form to seek reimbursement from your service provider. This Form is not for use by service providers, who have their own invoice form. If you plan to submit a Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, please read and follow the instructions carefully regarding the Form as well as the Form 486 to avoid delay in processing your reimbursement.

SLC Funding Notification Synopsis for Application Number: 00029924

Funding Request Number:00030223 Funding Status: As yet unfunded
SPIN: 143007022 Service Provider Name: CableVision of Southern New Mexico
Provider Contract Number: 01797
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 04/15/1999
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$8,400.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 74%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00

Funding Request Number:00083636 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143009012 Service Provider Name: Checs Inc.
Provider Contract Number: C
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Effective Date of Discount: 02/25/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 02/17/2000
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$13,428.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 74%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$9,936.72

Funding Request Number:00083658 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143004789 Service Provider Name: GTE Southwest Incorporated
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/16/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$46,763.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Invalid telecomm. provider
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The type of service requested was not posted to the SLC website and thus did not meet the 28 day competitive bidding requirement.

Funding Request Number:00083692 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143000677 Service Provider Name: Cellco Partnership
Provider Contract Number: 374258
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$9,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 74%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$6,660.00

Funding Request Number:00083706 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001194 Service Provider Name: ITC (DBA NEXTLINK Affinity)
Provider Contract Number: C
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 01/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 10/22/1999
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$9,450.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 74%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$6,993.00

Administrator's Decision on Appeal

April 9, 1999

Paul Wirth
Ruidoso Municipal School District
200 Horton Circle
Ruidoso, NM 88345

Re: Billed Entity Number: 143371
Application Number: 29924
Funding Request Number(s): 83658
Your Correspondence Dated: February 5, 1999

After thorough review and investigation of your appeal, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has resolved your appeal which seeks approval of additional discounts for the first program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the above referenced Application Number. If your letter of appeal addressed more than one Application Number, a separate letter will be issued to inform you of our decision on the appeal of each Application Number included in your appeal.

Funding Request Number: 83658
Decision on Appeal: Denied in full

The following explanation is provided to inform you of the reason for our decision on appeal of this Funding Request Number, for those appeals that are denied in full or partially approved.

Denial Reason(s):

- Tariff telecommunications services were not posted to the Web Site for 28 days because you checked Item 10 on the Form 470. Tariff telecommunications services are required to be posted to the SLD Web Site for 28 days (per FCC Form 470 Instructions) in order for there to be an opportunity for service providers to bid on these services. The only exemption from this requirement is for services that were the subject of an EXISTING CONTRACT PRIOR TO January 30, 1998. An existing contract is a legal, binding contract for these services which was signed and dated by both the service provider and the applicant prior to January 30, 1998.
- Please understand that we must be stringent in our enforcement of this rule in order to administer the program equitably for all.

If you feel further examination of your application is in order, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted to the SLD Web Site at <www.slcfund.org>. You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date of the issuance of this letter, in order for your appeal to be timely filed.

Once this appeal decision letter is issued to you, we can and will process invoices that may be submitted for Funding Request Numbers approved for discounts in the Funding Commitment Decisions Letter that was originally issued to you.

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company.

Affidavit

We, the undersigned, attest that on two occasions in December, 1997, we called Schools and Libraries Corporation (888-203-8100), and were specifically told that it was not necessary to post our request regarding telecommunications services from GTE for the minimum 28 days. All three of us participated in these telephone conversations through the use of a speakerphone. The stated reason for not requiring the posting via Form 470 was that we operate in a region that does not offer competing telephone services. GTE was, and continues to be, the only available provider in our area.

Dr. Paul Wirth
Dr. Paul Wirth
Director of Instructional Support

5/3/99
Date

Mark Hamilton
Mark Hamilton
District Information Systems Technician

5/3/99
Date

Patty White
Patty White
Administrative Secretary

5/3/99
Date

County of Lincoln
State of New Mexico

Subscribed and sworn to, before me, this date:

May 3, 1999

Robert Adair
Notary Public

3-27-2003
My commission expires

REFERENCE AREA

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PROVIDER AREA

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SLC Information

Minutes of July 20, 1998 SLC Board Meeting

A meeting of the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) Board of Directors was held at the Washington Marriott, 1221 22nd Street, NW, Washington, DC on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM by Ms. Kathleen G. Ouye, Chair. Five Board members were present, representing a quorum, as follows:

Ira Fishman
Kathleen G. Ouye
Brian Talbott
Frank Gumper
Anne Bryant

Two members were absent as follows:

Henry Marockie
Ken Brody

Ms. Ouye previously had been provided authorization by Dr. Marockie and Mr. Brody to cast their votes in absentia and by proxy.

Also present:

Kate L. Moore, Schools and Libraries Corporation
Debra M. Kriete, Schools and Libraries Corporation

MINUTES

Ms. Ouye moved, and Mr. Gumper seconded the approval of the minutes of the last Board meeting, April 21, 1998. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

KEY UPDATES

Mr. Fishman informed the Board of Senator John McCain's request that the General Accounting Office (GAO) audit the SLC focusing on the measures and controls in place by the SLC to avoid waste, fraud and abuse. Mr. Fishman continued to state that the SLC has had several face to face meetings with the GAO. The SLC has provided the GAO with an preponderance of information and documentation. Mr. Fishman acknowledged Kate Moore for her efforts in providing the GAO with the documentation that they have requested in a timely fashion. According to Mr. Fishman, the GAO made four recommendations for improvement in the SLC Program Integrity Unit. Three of the suggestions the SLC had already implemented to some extent, and the fourth, a random sample of applications ... the SLC is in the process of implementing. Mr. Fishman felt that the GAO audit was time consuming, however, very helpful for the organization.

Ms. Ouye added that the Board participated in the GAO audit, and that the GAO complimented the SLC staff on their eagerness to help, and that the six week time-frame for the investigation would not have been met if not for the helpfulness of the SLC staff.

Dr. Talbott offered that he heard from a Senate staff member who stated that the investigation went very well for the SLC.

Mr. Fishman also offered to the Board a re-cap on his testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee. In his opinion it was a good, honest discussion on the issues surrounding Universal Service, particularly Universal Service for schools and libraries.

Ms. Ouye stated that she and Dr. Marockie attended the Senate Commerce Committee Hearing. Her impression was that there was good solid footing for the program, and that Mr. Fishman handled the scrutiny very well. Her feeling is that the SLC must move quickly from this point forward while support for the program remains strong. Ms. Ouye stated that the organization needs to get the funding commitments out soon, and that the Board will support those efforts in any way that they can.

Mr. Fishman thanked Ms. Ouye and Dr. Marockie for attending the testimony.

On the reorganization front, Ms Ouye introduced Cheryl Parrino, the newly chosen CEO of the Universal Service Administration Company. In addition, Ms Ouye thanked Ed Eichler for his part in heading the reorganization.

Mr. Gumper posed the question to the Board asking how the SLC Board will respond to the FCC Public Notice requesting comment on the reorganization of the four entities, SLC, RHCC, USAC and High-Cost Low-Income. Mr Gumper feels that the SLC needs to coordinate their response.

Ms. Bryant posed the idea that Mr. Fishman and Ms. Parrino work together to draft the response.

Mr. Gumper added that it should be a joint filing, all Board members were in agreement.

Mr. Fishman thanked Ms. Parrino for making the effort to get to know the SLC Staff and to ask for their input in the reorganization process. Mr. Fishman then posed the idea that only substantive changes to the organization would be run by the Board.

REPORT OF AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Ms Ouye informed the Board that the Audit and Compliance Committee met with Ms. Moore this morning. Following GAO audit recommendations to the PIA process, and the Fifth Order on Reconsideration, the Committee is working to include automatic controls for reviewing applications. Ms. Ouye continued to state that Coopers has met with the GAO and are monitoring our work with the GAO. She continued to state that she was surprised to see that 35% of the SLC's costs thus far have been toward auditing/PIA issues, and was happy to see that much money dedicated to that end.

Mr. Fishman responded that early on in the development of the SLC Chairman Kennard was adamant about the necessity for strong controls in Program Integrity Assurance, and the necessity for an outside auditor.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Fishman discussed the major changes that the 5th Order on Reconsideration would have on the program. The Commission asked the SLC for ways in which the program can be improved. Our solution is to expand the initial funding year to 18 months. Three major benefits would be realized: 1) the program year would match up with the academic fiscal year; 2) the SLC needs additional time to process applications; and 3) the Fifth Order changed the priorities of funding to telecommunications services and Internet access first, then fund internal connections. Mr. Fishman estimates that the SLC should have an idea of the amount of funds which will be available to fund internal connections by the beginning of August.

Ms. Bryant asked Mr. Fishman if it was possible to make an estimate at this time of the current funding requests for telecommunications services and Internet access, and thus estimating the dollar figure left over. Mr. Fishman replied that the SLC had currently data entered 22,000 applications, resulting in roughly \$750 million in requests. Mr. Fishman cautioned the Board that this figure is before the applications had undergone Program Integrity Assurance review, and that some of these applications would be rejected.

Ms. Ouye stated that there was a high level of anxiety surrounding the program right

now regarding rejects. She also wanted the SLC Outreach team to warn applicants about jumping to conclusions about their application. Ms. Ouye concluded by thanking the SLC sub-contractors in New Jersey, Kansas and Iowa for all of their hard work processing the applications.

Mr. Fishman admitted that he felt that the SLC dropped the ball in one aspect of the program, failing to create a system for both the SLC and applicants to track the status of their applications. He stated that the SLC is working to create a system for tracking applications for the next program year, and he acknowledged that he was aware of the eagerness of applicants to learn of the status of their applications for this funding year.

Ms. Ouye attended the American Library Association annual meeting here in Washington, DC in late June. She said that it was one giant "love-fest" of people showing support for the SLC. People who were at one point quite critical of the job the SLC was doing have suddenly become huge supporters in the wake of Congressional threats to kill the program. Ms. Ouye feels that the SLC must retain and foster this support.

Mr. Fishman stated that universal service for schools and libraries is an adventure to connect two of the most dynamic groups in the United States. The telecommunications industry and the school and library community have never typically built bridges fast enough so that they may keep in step with one another. Generally speaking, schools and libraries typically lagged behind, and were not able to enjoy the benefits associated with the strides made in the telecommunications industry.

Mr. Fishman thanked Mickey Revenaugh, SLC VP of Outreach and Communications, for constantly reminding the entire SLC staff that there is a person, and hundreds of school children or library patrons behind each and every application.

PROGRAM UPDATE

Mr. Fishman stated that the Data Entry and Program Integrity Assurance process for the 1998 applications was running smoothly. Debra Kriete is in the midst of several weeks in Kansas to rectify applications rejected erroneously. PIA reviews have been occurring all throughout the Data Entry process. NECA has done a fantastic job thus far in running the PIA process. Questions from PIA to Debra Kriete have been very hard, indicating that PIA is catching things.

Mr. Gumper stated that he understands the need to devote resources to issuing Funding Commitment letters, but he also wanted to reiterate the need to educate and prepare the Service Providers for the Form 486 and Invoicing processes. Mr. Gumper feels that there is still a large gap between the outreach between the SLC staff and applicants versus the time spent educating and working with Service Providers.

Ms. Bryant posed the question to the SLC Staff asking "How is the SLC going to change their focus so that it is divided evenly between the Service Providers and the Applicants."

Ms. Kriete responded by stating that there has been some uncertainty lately within the SLC as to what exactly the process would be for filing invoices. The SLC and the FCC have recently come to the conclusion that the SLC will collect invoices from both the Applicant and the Vendor. Ms. Kriete also stated that there were two face to face meetings with the Vendor community scheduled for the near future, in addition to the regularly scheduled twice weekly conference calls with the Vendors which have been taking place since _____, 1998. Additionally, Shannon Sullivan, in conjunction with Ms. Kriete have been working with several Service Providers to create a Service Provider Manual to assist the Service Providers working with the program.

Mr. Fishman stated that Service Providers have been very helpful working with the SLC to build bridges, and fill in the gaps that currently exist in the program. The SLC has been in close contact with all sorts of Vendors/Service Providers, large and small as well as telecom. and non-telecom.

Mr. Talbott offered that the SLC is expecting to send funding commitments for actual funds by early fall.

OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT FUNDING YEAR

Ms. Revenaugh outlined the current plan for the second funding year.

Debra M. Kriete
Secretary

Date

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Please send your suggestions and comments to [<comments@slcfund.org>](mailto:comments@slcfund.org).

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