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June 14, 1999

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Mr. Cary L. McGuffee
Superintendent

“In the matter of: Request for Review by LaSalle Parish School System of
Decision of Universal Service Administrator”

Reference: FCC Docket #'s 97-21 and 96-45.

Re:	Billed Entity Number:	139335
	Application Number:	4320
	Funding Request Numbers:	2866, 26630, 26865, 26867, 26872, 26873, 26886, 26890, 26893, 26895, 26897, 26898, 26905, 26909, 26910, 26912, 26916, 26920, 26922, 26927, 140124, 140133, 140135, 140139, 140726, 140727, 140730.

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Pursuant to 54.719 (a)-(c), the LaSalle Parish School System asks that our application receive further examination concerning the above rejected Funding Request Numbers.

Tariff telecommunication services were not posted to the website for 28 days and thus did not meet the competitive bidding requirement. The rejected FRN's represent the local pots and long distance service of the school system. While the state of Louisiana does allow for competitive local exchange carriers, there are no competitive carriers available to the LaSalle Parish School System. CenturyTel is the only local exchange carrier in LaSalle Parish. We conferred with a help line representative of SLC concerning this matter. We were told that since there could be no other bidders, posting was not a requirement and the phone bills would represent the contractual agreement. Thus, we checked Item 10 on the Form 470.

After receiving the administrator's decision on the appeal, we conferred with a representative from USAC. He recommended that we contact Congressman John Cooksey's office to aid with our appeal. By the time we were able to make personal contact with Cooksey's representative, the

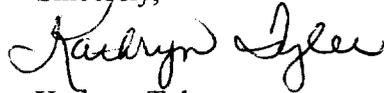
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thirty day time limit had passed. Congressman Cooksey wrote a letter to USAC (which is enclosed) and addressed his concerns pertaining to the rejection of the discounts of our dedicated services.

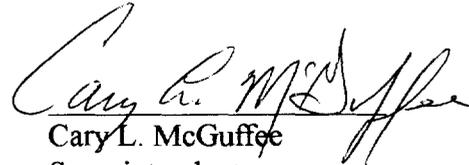
We have systematically sought information concerning the appeal process and have exhausted every appeal opportunity. Our only avenue now is to obtain support and assistance from you. We feel that you have the power to overturn this appeal and are justified in doing so. All documentation pertaining to our appeal is enclosed, including the letter from Congressman Cooksey.

Thank you very much for your consideration on this matter as your decision to reverse an unfair technicality will have a direct impact on the educational opportunities of the children of LaSalle Parish.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Tyler
Erate Contact Person
LaSalle Parish School System



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Administrator's Decision on Appeal

April 16, 1999

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26916, 26920, 26922, 26927, 140124, 140133, 140135,
140139, 140724, 140726, 140727 and 140730

Your Correspondence Dated: March 9, 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(s): All of the above
Decision on Appeal: Denied in full.

The following explanation is provided to inform you of the reason for our decision on appeal of these Funding Request Numbers, for those appeals that are denied in full.

Denial Reason(s):

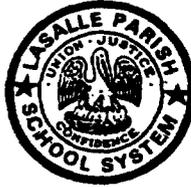
- Tariff telecommunications services were not posted to the Web Site for 28 days because you checked Item 10 on the Form 470. Tariff telecommunications services are required to be posted to the SLD Web Site for 28 days (per FCC Form 470 Instructions) in order for there to be an opportunity for service 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 very stringent in enforcing 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



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Dear Sir:

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Re: Letter of Appeal for LaSalle Parish School District
Form 471 Application Number: 4320
Funding Year: 1998
Billed Entity Number: 139335

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I am appealing the following rejected Funding Request Numbers:

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00002866	Unfunded or Denied
00026630	Unfunded or Denied
00026865	Unfunded or Denied
00026867	Unfunded or Denied
00026872	Unfunded or Denied
00026873	Unfunded or Denied
00026886	Unfunded or Denied
00026890	Unfunded or Denied
00026893	Unfunded or Denied
00026895	Unfunded or Denied
00026897	Unfunded or Denied
00026898	Unfunded or Denied
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00026909	Unfunded or Denied

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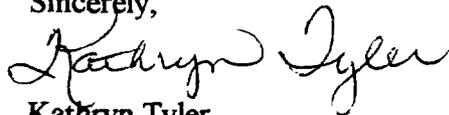
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00026910	Unfunded or Denied
00026912	Unfunded or Denied
00026916	Unfunded or Denied
00026920	Unfunded or Denied
00026922	Unfunded or Denied
00026927	Unfunded or Denied
00140124	Unfunded or Denied
00140133	Unfunded or Denied
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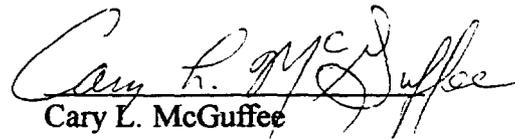
In appealing the decision of the Schools and Libraries Corporation, the funding commitment decision explanation states "The type of service requested was not posted to the SLC website and thus did not meet the 28 day competitive bidding requirement." From Block 3 of the 470 application, we checked applicant seeks discounts only for eligible services based on one or more existing, binding contract(s). This was per us calling and talking to your staff at the helpline. What exactly these FRN's represent is the local pots and long distance into each school. CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc. is the only local telephone service in this area. Long distance is under contractual agreement. These services have been in contractual agreement for more than three (3) years at all locations. Without these monies being refunded, we are at a disadvantage as a school district even with our discounts at 73% which were granted.

Any help with this matter would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1805

May 27, 1999

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USAC
Schools and Libraries Division
100 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Administrator,

The LaSalle Parish School Board recently applied for a number of grants to implement programs under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Most of their requests were approved for funding. However, due to a technical error, approval of E-rate funding was denied. As I appreciate the problem, funding was denied because the proposal was not posted in order to allow competitive bidding which would allow for the lowest telephone service rates to be charged. Obviously, this was the intention of Congress as well as the FCC.

The State of Louisiana does allow for Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, but there are no Competitive Carriers available to the LaSalle Parish Schools. CentryTel is the only local exchange carrier doing business with the LaSalle Parish Schools. The process of becoming a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier is a lengthy one and could not be accomplished in time to bid on school telephone service. The process could take up to three years to be approved, certainly well outside the grant application and implementation time frame.

Knowing that they would not be able to bid service, and in an abundance of caution and to avoid confusion, the School Board sought to clarify the project posting provision by contacting your agency. According to the LaSalle Parish School Board, they were told that that since there could be no bidders, posting was not a requirement. At least, that is what the School Board believed and their submission reflected those instructions.

In any event, while the non-posting was a technical violation, I can not help but wonder why, under appeal, sufficient evidence could not have been obtained to prove that the posting omission did not violate Congressional intent, nor did it change in any way the rights of any wood-be bidders. Rejecting proposals that violate the principles of competitive is of course an area that must be strictly enforced. In this case however, it seems that the only losers are the children who will have their internet access severely restricted.

I would appreciate your reviewing the LaSalle Parish applications and making a determination on the merits of their appeal before monies are transferred, redistributed, or given to other project requests. Likewise, I would appreciate your keeping me informed of any

decisions affecting the LaSalle applications.

Your agency is serving an important need and I appreciate the job that you are doing to improve education. It is vital to our children's future. I hope however, that rules do not obscure or diminish the goals of the program through interpretations that are insignificant to the overall integrity of the process.

Sincerely,



John Cooksey
Member of Congress

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Enclosures

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc.

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May 26, 1999

The Honorable Congressman John Cooksey, M.D.
317 Cannon Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Congressman Cooksey,

CenturyTel is the local service provider for the LaSalle Parish School System. We have worked with the school system over the past two years to assist in their technology upgrade. It is our understanding that the LaSalle Parish School System has been denied funding, by the SLC, for certain local tariffed services. CenturyTel would like to bring certain facts to your attention regarding this decision by the Schools and Libraries Corporation.

CenturyTel is the only local service provider that is available to the LaSalle Parish School System for local tariffed services. As the only local service provider, we were asked by the school system for certain information regarding those services for use in the application process. On several occasions, one of our employees participated in telephone calls made by the LaSalle Parish School System to the SLC for information-regarding proper completion of the funding application. At no point in these conversations with the SLC, were we or the school system told that the request for local services must be posted on the SLC website.

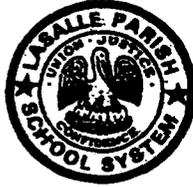
It was our understanding, as well as that of the LaSalle Parish School System, that all SLC guidelines had been adhered to in the application process. We should also point out that all equipment funding requests were approved by the SLC. The equipment funding requests were submitted at the same time as the local service funding requests and were part of the telephone discussions with the SLC. We feel that the denial for local tariffed services should be reconsidered since there are no other local service providers and the SLC did not state that the local tariffed services were to be posted on their website.

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact me at 318 449-6440.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Fuhrmann, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Don Fuhrmann, Jr.
Division Sales Manager



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The Honorable Congressman John Cooksey, M.D.
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Dear Congressman Cooksey,

The LaSalle Parish School Board submitted an application for the Universal Service Fund (E-rate) through the Schools and Libraries Corporation funded by the Federal Communications Commission for January, 1998- June 30, 1999. We filed a Form 470 and 471 as directed by the SLC.

According to application directions, if contracts were already held, applicants were required to post to the SLC website for bidding purposes. The LaSalle Parish School System has only one telecommunications provider available for the entire parish, which is covered under a tariffed rate.

On numerous occasions, representatives of the school system contacted and conversed with representatives of the SLC concerning questions about the Forms 470 and 471. When directly questioned about the tariffed services being posted to the website, SLC did not inform us that these services must be posted even though no other service provider existed in the parish.

During the course of this year, we received no correspondence or indication that our dedicated services were ineligible. In August, we received a Form S letter indicating that some of our internal connection requests were being denied because the contracts were dated after the January 30, 1998 deadline. We did not receive a Form S letter or any other form of correspondence pertaining to the denial of our dedicated services until we received our funding notification synopsis at the final stage of the funding process.

This was the first year for the Universal Service Fund and many mistakes

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and changes were made by the SLC as the year progressed. We attempted to accommodate those changes as they were made. We believe that an exception needs to be made for our school system. The monetary impact of the denial of this \$90,516.00 and the 73% discount we would have received on our dedicated services for the remainder of the year has been detrimental to our small school system. Many school systems already had networking and Internet connections in place. They merely used the monies to upgrade their systems. The LaSalle Parish School System is just beginning our Wide Area Network and impacting student achievement through the use of new technologies. Please help us ensure that these innovative practices will have the funding to continue.

On March 9, 1999, our school system submitted a letter of appeal to the SLC concerning the rejected funding requests. Because the tariff telecommunication services were not posted to the SLC website, our letter of appeal was denied in full on April 16, 1999.

We feel our letter of appeal should be reconsidered because whether or not we posted to the website, no other telecommunications services are available in our area. We feel this is a flaw in the application guidelines and because of this, our small school system is being denied due to an unrelated technicality.

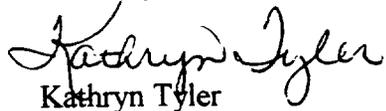
CenturyTel worked with us during the application process and concurs that all available guidelines were followed. A letter to this effect is also enclosed.

It is our hope that you can assist us in this matter. We spoke to your telecommunications person, Dr. Paul Nenninger, on March 24, 1999 about our situation. He requested that I fax him the appeal information so that he could review the information; however, he did not return my calls or respond to the fax.

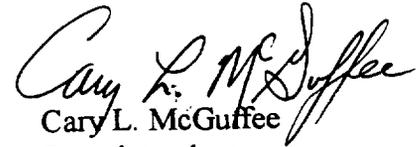
If this appeal is successful, the money will enhance the education of LaSalle Parish students by aiding in the completion of the networking of classrooms, libraries, computer labs and offices to the Internet. It is our goal to give our students access to the vast amounts of this available information in order to allow them to increase their knowledge through the use of technology.

Thank you so much for your help and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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February 18, 1999

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 4320
Funding Year: 1998
Billed Entity Number: 139335

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: 00004320

Funding Request Number:00002866 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 05/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$20,076.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00002874 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035680119A
Services Ordered: Internet Access
Effective Date of Discount: 05/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$6,972.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,089.56 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00002878 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035680116A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)
Effective Date of Discount: 05/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$51,324.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$37,466.52 - FRN approved; modified by SLC
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The dollars requested were reduced to remove: the ineligible product(s)/service(s) Wan Components.

Funding Request Number:00026593 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143006008 Service Provider Name: Comstar Plus, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: PO#138
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 10/09/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$42,090.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$30,725.70 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00026618 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035680118A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$47,564.45
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$34,722.05 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00026630 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,365.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026865 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001192 Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$75.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026867 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,565.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026872 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001192 Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$390.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026873 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,370.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026886 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$210.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026890 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$6,390.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026893 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001203 Service Provider Name: Long Distance Savers, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,830.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026895 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$4,365.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026897 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$195.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026898 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001192 Service Provider Name: AT&T Corp.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$105.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026905 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,445.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026909 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$120.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026910 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$3,285.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026912 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$300.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026916 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$3,795.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026920 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$45.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026922 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$3,210.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00026927 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001125 Service Provider Name: Century Telecommunications, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$30.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140124 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$15,075.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140131 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035680117A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections (Shared)
Effective Date of Discount: 06/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,447.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,786.31 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number:00140133 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143006913 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel Wireless, Inc. f/k/a Centur
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$2,550.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140135 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001123 Service Provider Name: WorldCom, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$3,255.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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.

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Funding Request Number:00140139 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001197 Service Provider Name: MCI Communications Corporation
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$435.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140724 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$3,645.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140725 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035970077A
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Effective Date of Discount: 06/01/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,307.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 80%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,045.60 - 471 approved as submitted.

Funding Request Number:00140726 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001123 Service Provider Name: WorldCom, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$435.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140727 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001197 Service Provider Name: MCI Communications Corporation
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$210.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140730 Funding Status: Unfunded or Denied
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T
Services Ordered: Dedicated Services
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date:
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$11,745.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Svcs. not requested on F. 470
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:00140731 Funding Status: Funded
SPIN: 143001583 Service Provider Name: CenturyTel of Central Louisiana, Inc.
Provider Contract Number: T035680117B
Services Ordered: Internal Connections
Effective Date of Discount: 04/03/1998 Contract Expiration Date: 12/31/1998
Estimated Total Annual Pre-discount Cost: \$1,496.00
Discount Percentage Approved by SLC: 73%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,092.08 - 471 approved as submitted .

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