

CC Docket NO. 96-45

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# Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools

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Dear Ms. Dole and Ms. Flanery,

The Mesa Vista Consolidated School District requests a waiver of the September 30, 1999 deadline for the completion of work that is funded through our E-rate grant of 1998-99. The district has been victim to circumstances beyond its control and will be unduly punished by loss of funds if we cannot get an extension. We need an additional 30 days to complete our internal wiring project.

We received notice of our E-rate grant award in February of 1999. The amount involved was approximately \$180,00 for the internal wiring of the district and \$50,000 for Internet services. Then our problems started. We learned that TAMSCO of New Mexico (the vendor selected by the SLC) had ceased doing business in New Mexico shortly after when our grant writer, Bill Bradley (505-275-0683) tried contacting Tim Devine in Albuquerque. He was TAMSCO's regional manager at the time. The district then contacted Mickey Revalig at the SLC (973-884-8501) who advised us to go through another bidding process and then submit a new vendor choice for their approval. Accordingly, we sought the advice of Los Alamos National Labs in writing a description of the scope of work and reviewing bids from four vendors who participated in another bidding process in May/June of 1999. We then submitted our request to the SLC to change our vendor/contractor to Coyote Cabling.

They informed us that the FCC had not made a decision on our type of vendor change request yet and that we would have to wait until they came to a decision. We did not receive any information until the end of July. I made numerous inquiries as to our status and I finally got additional information from Barbara Rosenberg (973-581-6735). She informed us that the FCC had finally made a ruling on cases where the vendor had gone out of business in a state. Our case was now being reviewed by legal counsel, but that we seemed to qualify for the needed change. She referred me to Adrian Manella (202-263-1614) who was our principal contact at the SLC in August. He informed us that we would need to resubmit our 470 form for posting on the SLC website for a 28 day period in order to comply with FCC regulations. I immediately resubmitted the form via fax to Mr. Mannella and the 470 form was posted on the 3rd of August. Our 28 day waiting period ended on August 31, 1999. I contacted the SLC on the 30<sup>th</sup> to see what the next steps would be and I was told to wait by Tracy Isacc, who had replaced Mickey Revalig. Later in the week, I was finally informed by Pete Malone (888-203-8100) that our SPN change had been approved. By then it was September 6, 1999.

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All of this paperwork has taken so much time that we will be unable to have our networking work finished by the September 30, 1999 deadline. The contractor was unwilling to proceed with work unless he had final approval on the vendor change. We are a very small school district located in rural northern New Mexico and we simply did not have the funding to start work without the E-rate grant money. The September 30th deadline is unfair to school districts who have been waiting months for the FCC to make a ruling on vendor changes stemming from a contractor who went out of business. We simply ask for a 30 day extension so that the contractor can finish networking our schools. It will mean a great deal to the kids out here who are virtually cut off from the rest of the world. The nearest town is 40 miles away and we hope to be able to supply the community with Internet services that are sorely needed.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

I was told by our congressional contact, Michelle Renee, to refer you to docket 96-45.

Sincerely,

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