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Date: August 2, 2000

To: Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW/Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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Re: "In the matter of: Request for Review by Hysham Public Schools of Decision of Universal Service Administrator/Ref. FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45"
LETTER OF APPEAL on SLD Notice of Denial (dated July 7, 2000)
on a RAL Correction mailed in August of 1999
E-Rate Funding Year 1999-2000

From: Hysham Public Schools

Contact Person: Sally VanHemelryck (406)342-5237

Billed Entity Number: 200614

Application Number: 142105

FRN No. on our RAL 224770

FRN No. referenced in the FCD letter was 179922 (this no. is not in any of our applications)

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We are requesting that the FCC review the denial of the RAL Correction submitted in August 1999 for various reasons. A correction was submitted on the RAL to split FRNs for local/long distance telecommunications service. Per instructions for applications and phone conversations I was told it was not necessary to split tariff services if they were all billed through one service provider. Later instructions required that the local and long distance service be split and this could be done as a correction to the RAL, not an application amendment. Copies are enclosed. It has taken nearly a year to receive any comments from the SLC so my assumption was that no further action was required on our part.

1.) Denial based on time deadline. The RAL we received states on Page 3 that corrections must be received by the SLC "WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF RECEIVING THIS LETTER". We received the RAL on August 13, 1999. My delivery confirmation and the FCD letter indicates that the RAL Correction was received by the SLC on August 23, 1999. This would be within the two week period.

2.) The RAL Correction for FRN 224770 is not a request for increased funding. All of the E-Rate reimbursements for local and long distance service have been handled by a single service provider — Range Telephone Coop.

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We realize this is a large program with extensive application and reimbursement procedures. We do our best to meet the requirements with limited staff. Please reconsider this FCD denial. We are a small, rural school in Montana. This program has provided technology improvements for our students which otherwise would not have been possible to implement.



Authorized Signature
Barbara Parker, Superintendent
(406) 342-5237

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cc: Schools and Libraries Corporation
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
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Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 1999-2000

July 7, 2000

30 days -

Sally Vanhemelryck
Hysham Public Schools
P.O. Box 272, 115 Summit Street
Hysham, MT 59038-0272

Re: Billed Entity Number: 200614
Application Number: 142105
Funding Request Number(s): Not Assigned
Your Correspondence Dated: August 23, 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 seeking approval of additional discounts for the second program year. This letter addresses our decision concerning each Funding Request Number that was included in your letter of appeal for the Application Number cited above. 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.

Funding Request Number: Not Assigned
Decision on Appeal: Denied in full

Denial Reason(s):

- According to the program rules of funding year two, RAL corrections are only acceptable if the corrections were received within the two weeks of the mailing of the Receipt Acknowledgement Letter. Your request to split FRN 179922 was thus non-allowable, since your RAL Letter was sent on August 8, 1999 and your correction was not received until August 23, 1999, which past the two-week time limit. The information submitted on the original application and during the review process is the responsibility of the applicant. Information provided by the applicant cannot be considered unless the error is proven the fault of SLD. Please note that corrections to this application cannot be made since the April 6, 1999 deadline for amendments to the funding year two Form 471 had passed.

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.sl.universalservice.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. _____

You should now move ahead, if you haven't already done so, with your Form 486 and related post-commitment arrangements for services for which funds have been committed and services have begun to flow. 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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Request to "Unbundle" Services

HYSHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SALLY VANHEMELRYCK
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August 5, 1999

FCC Form 471 RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGMENT LETTER TO APPLICANT
Re: Form 471 Application Number 142105
Funding Year 07/01/1999 - 06/30/2000
Billed Entity Number 200614

NOTICE: This notification is an acknowledgment of RECEIPT and SUCCESSFUL DATA ENTRY of your Form 471 application reflecting \$29,231.00 in total annual pre-discount costs for services. This letter does NOT contain any decisions concerning your requests for discounts. Please keep this letter for your records. The Form 471 application number cited above is critical for you to link your application to future Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) communications.

Please be advised that your Form 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, was officially received by the SLD on 04/03/1999 and successfully entered into our data system. SLD's Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) Team will now review your application for compliance with program rules. Once the review of your application has been completed, you will receive a separate Funding Commitment Decisions Letter which informs you of the disposition of your application. Until you receive a Funding Commitment Decisions Letter from the SLD, you cannot assume that you will receive the discounts for which you are applying.

In addition, we have received the Certifications for the Forms 470 cited in your Form 471, as well as the Certification for the Form 471 and the other required documentation. We have inputted these Certifications to our processing system.

Your application will be considered within the application filing window wherein all applications which pass the Minimum Processing Standards are treated as though they were received on the same day.

Explanation of Line Item Information

All line items listed in Items 15 and 16 of the Form 471 application number cited above at the top of this letter (under the date of this letter) which passed Minimum Processing Standards and which could be entered into our data system are shown below. There are four important components of information shown for each line item:

FRN: The FRN is the Funding Request Number that the SLD assigned to each separate row of Item 15/16 that is entered into our data system. This number will be cited in relation to the SLD's funding decision contained in the Funding Commitment Decisions Letter. The FRN information will also be shared with service providers so that they can provide discounted bills and invoice the SLD for the approved discount amount.

SPIN: This is the Service Provider Identification Number that you provided. This is a unique identification number assigned to each service provider.

Service Provider Name: This is the legal name in our database that is associated with the Service Provider Identification Number that you provided.

Services Ordered: This is the type of services for which you have requested discounts. The Services Ordered categories are: Telecommunications Services; Internet Access; Internal Connections-Shared; Dedicated Services or Internal Connections-Site Specific. The Legend for these categories is as follows:

Telc Svc(S) = Telecommunications Services
 Inet Acc(S) = Internet Access
 Intr Con(S) = Internal Connections (Shared)
 Ded Svc = Dedicated Services
 Intr Con = Internal Connections (Site Specific)

Pre-discount Cost: This is the total annual pre-discount cost for each FRN. This amount is taken from Column 10 of Items 15/16.

Disc.: This is the discount percentage from Block 5, Items 15/16, Column 11.

See Page 3

FRN	SPIN	Service Provider Name	Services Ord.	Pre-Disc. Cost	Disc.
224770	143002579	Range Tel. Coop., Inc.	Telc Svc(s)	\$ 6,720.00	64%
224775	143002579	Range Tel. Coop., Inc. -	Inet Acc(s)	\$ 360.00	64%
290530	143002579	Range Tel. Coop., Inc. -	Inet Acc(s)	\$ 4,799.00	64%
290533	143002579	Range Tel. Coop., Inc. -	Intr Con(s)	\$ 14,155.00	64%
290535	143014221	Superior Designs	Intr Con(s)	\$ 3,197.00	64%
Application Total:				\$ 29,231.00	

Missing FRNs

If a Line Item that you completed in your application is not included in the itemized list of FRNs set forth above, this is because the FRN (line item) did not pass Minimum Processing Standards. If this is the case, you will receive a separate letter from the SLD informing you that these FRNs have been rejected, with an explanation of the reason for rejection. If you believe that there were FRNs included in your application which are not listed in this letter AND you have not received a letter informing you that those FRNs are rejected, please write to us at the address listed at the bottom of this letter concerning "Questions about this Letter". Please note that the Client Service Bureau may not have the information necessary to respond to your inquiry; therefore, your letter should be sent to the New Jersey address featured below.

FRN Information that Varies from your Application

If the information reported in this letter is at variance with the information that you provided in your application, please write to us at the address listed at the bottom of this letter under "Questions about this Letter".

Future Contacts with PIA

It may be important for us to contact you as our PIA (Program Integrity Assurance) Team reviews the funding requests contained in your application. Our requests for clarification and/or additional information will require a prompt response, and the due date for such responses will be established at the time that the PIA Team may contact you. Please make sure that the contact person on your application is available to speak with the PIA Team, or that a surrogate is available. In addition, you should monitor on a daily basis the fax and e-mail locations that you may have cited in your Form 471 application for the applicant and the contact person for the applicant.

Communications with your Service Providers

The SLD is also sharing Funding Request information with service providers whose SPINs are listed on Form 471 applications. This information is provided so that service providers can undertake the preparatory steps of identifying their potential customers for whom discounts may be issued. NO DISCOUNTS will be provided until after the SLD issues the Funding Commitment Decisions Letters for a particular application, and the applicant submits a Form 486 to confirm that services have begun to be delivered, and that technology plans, if applicable, have been approved.

The SLD encourages Form 471 applicants to contact their service providers to inform the service providers of the funding requests submitted to the SLD. Service providers may request additional information containing the specific services contained within each funding request. Applicants are encouraged to share this information with service providers in order for the service providers to begin the preparatory billing steps.

Correction Information from this Letter

RAL Correction Process

◆ When receive RAL, can correct:

- Anything in Block 1
- Any data entry error
- SPIN if incorrect/merged/acquired

■ Split FRNs

◆ Local/long distance →

split on form
471

◆ Bundling —

split routers, etc. ✓ internal hook-up
from other internet service

separate lines

■ Reduce \$\$

U.S. Postal Service Delivery Confirmation Receipt

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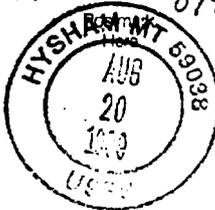
Article Sent To: (to be completed by mailer)

Data Entry Corrections / SLD
 Box 300 - Corresp. Unit
 100 So. Jefferson Rd.
 Whippany, NJ 07981

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 Keep this receipt. For inquiries: Access
 Internet web site at www.usps.com
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 VANHEMELRYCK
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PS Form 152, March 1999

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- Priority Mail
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(See Reverse)

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 WHIPPANY, NJ 07981

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CHECK ONE (POSTAL USE ONLY)

- Priority Mail
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Receipt

Amount (Written Out) Three 55 /100 Dollars Amount (In Numbers) \$ 3.55

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Is any Portion of this Sale a Charitable Tax Deduction?

- Yes
- No

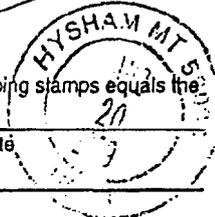
If "Yes," the fair market value of the postage portion of the foregoing stamps equals the First-Class postage rate.

By (Signature and Title) [Signature]

Date 8-23-99

PS Form 1096, April 1998

*Delivery Confirmation
 Date: 8-23-99*



Item (14, bottom row) - Calculate the discount percentage applicable for shared services ordered by the billed entity as follows.

- **Schools:** For each school receiving an appropriate share of shared services, multiply the discount rate for the school (Column 6) by the number of students in the school (Column 4). Add up the total for all schools and divide the total by the total number of students in all the schools receiving an appropriate share of shared services. Round the result to the nearest whole number percentage.
- **Libraries:** Add up the discount rates (Column 6) for all the libraries receiving an appropriate share of shared services, and divide by the total number of those libraries. Round the result to the nearest whole number percentage.

E. Block 5: Services Ordered

Block 5 asks you to provide information about the eligible services that you have ordered, which will enable the fund administrator to estimate your funding needs.

- **Discounted and undiscounted costs:** You must base your spending estimates on the amounts you are willing and able to spend to cover the undiscounted portion of charges for purchases. Thus, you may not seek a commitment for support that would require you to spend more than you have budgeted or intend to budget for the funding year at issue.
- **Number formats:** You may round dollar amounts to the nearest dollar, but please use numerals and include all digits. **DO NOT** use words such as 1 million, in place of 1,000,000.
- **Date formats:** Please enter all dates in mm/dd/yyyy format.
- **Linking to multiple Form 470s:** If you are ordering services based on several different FCC Form 470s, list the services corresponding to each FCC Form 470 in separate rows associated with the relevant FCC Form 470 number.
- **Multiple services from a single service provider:** When listing multiple services from each service provider based on a single FCC Form 470, you should group those services which are purchased under a single contract AND which are the same type (Telecommunication Services, Internet Access, Internal Connections-Shared, Dedicated Services, or Internal Connections-Site Specific). You should attach additional sheets of paper, as necessary, to complete Items (15) and (16). For services under tariff purchased from the same service provider, these services can be grouped together in one row of either Item (15) or Item (16).
- **Eligible and ineligible services:** **YOU MAY NOT SEEK SUPPORT ON THIS FORM FOR INELIGIBLE SERVICES.** You MAY NOT include any ineligible services in Items (15 or 16), nor may you include services provided to ineligible entities. If you have any questions about whether a service is or is not eligible for support, you should confirm its eligibility **BEFORE** submitting Form 471. To confirm, please check the Eligible Services list

Called 3-24-99. Anything on phone bill is eligible. All on 1 bill - just list that provider. (Don't need copies)

Item (15, Column 6) - For each service you have listed, you must indicate whether it is a Telecommunications Service, Internet Access, or Internal Connections (Shared). This is indicated by completing only the relevant row of information for either Telecommunications Services, Internet Access or Internal Connections (Shared) for each SPIN with which you have contracted or ordered tariff services. Please refer to the instructions at the beginning of Block 5 to determine the category under which your services fall.

It is **ESSENTIAL** that you list on a separate row of Item (15) the services ordered from each different service provider. If your local basic telecommunications service is provided by one company and a different company provides your long distance service, you must fill in a separate row of Item (15) to request discounts on both sets of telecommunications services. You should not assume that the company that issues your telecommunications bill is also the company that provides your service. In many cases, long distance companies have billing arrangements with local telecommunications companies for the local telecommunications companies to bill both the local and long distance charges. CO

Item (15, Column 7) - For each contract and service listed separately, you should indicate the service start date in Column 7. Note that discounts will not be provided for services received before the beginning of the funding year, which for 1999 is July 1, 1999. 3-24 Must list date.

(Estimate on internal, equip, etc.)
Item (15, Columns 8-10) - For each of the services you have listed, you must estimate the pre-discount amounts you will be charged. The pre-discount price is the total amount charged for the service, before application of the discount for which you qualify.

Item (15, Column 8) - Estimate your total amount of non-recurring (one time) pre-discount charges for each service listed here for the funding year. If you expect to pay this in multiple installments over the funding year, you should amortize this estimate as part of monthly charges in Column (9), not in Column (8). **DO NOT** include this amount in both Column (8) AND Column (9).

Item (15, Column 9) - Estimate your monthly pre-discount charges for each of the services listed here. If you expect to pay a non-recurring charge in multiple installments over the funding year, you should amortize this estimate as part of monthly charges in this Column and **NOT** in column eight. **DO NOT** include this amount in both Column (8) AND Column (9).

Item (15, Column 10) - Give your best estimate of the total pre-discount charges you expect to incur for each of the services listed here. The total estimated pre-discount cost that you list here is the figure that the fund administrator will use to calculate the amount of support that it will commit to provide with respect to services purchased by each billed entity. This amount should reflect the sum of Column (8) and a multiple of Column (9) corresponding to the number of eligible months in your contract for the funding year [Column 8 + (number of months corresponding to service start date from Column 7 * Column 9)].

Note that if you are seeking support on explicit or implicit multi-year contracts, you may only request funding for that portion of the contract that is delivered in the relevant funding year.

Application Process at a Glance

