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TO: Federal Communications Commission's Office of the Secretary

"In the matter of: Request for Review by the Bibb County Board of Education of Decision of Universal Service Administrator"

Reference: FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

- (i) statement setting forth interest in the matter presented for review:

The Bibb County Board of Education filed all forms as required for application to the USAC for financial assistance with a T-1 line to one of the elementary schools which lies in another area code. The cost of the line is so expensive, that without the help of USAC, the Bibb County Board of Education cannot afford to pay the costs. The Bibb County Board of Education qualified for a discount of 80% through e-rate. One vendor could not provide the full circuit and involved a second vendor. We are receiving a bill from the second vendor expecting payment from the Bibb County Board of Education. Before we realized we had a problem, the window for filing Year 3 was over, and we had repeated the same set up as Year 2. We have funding approved for payment through USAC, but because it involves a second vendor, we cannot access it.

- (ii) full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting documentation

Attached you will find copies of documents relevant to this request. When bids for service were taken in Year 2 for provision of T-1s to our schools, Mid-South Data bid as a vendor reselling BellSouth services. Mid-South/BellSouth could not provide all of the connection to give us access as was bid. ITC-DeltaCom was brought in by Mid-South as a second vendor to finish providing the link. The service was finally completed in May 2000. We are receiving bills from ITC-DeltaCom requesting payment. The service is approved through USAC under FRN251124 for a total of \$30,340 pre-discount cost. We can afford 20% of this amount, but we can not afford the service without the e-rate discount. The paperwork associated with e-rate is tedious and cumbersome. There should be some level of flexibility when every effort is made to adhere to the guidelines, but we still fall short of expectations. There was no way for us to anticipate that MidSouth/BellSouth could not provide the service. Please find the attachment from BellSouth dated December 9, 1999 assuring us that our Randolph Elementary School circuit would be covered. MidSouth Data has since gone out of business. We will receive the portion of funds billed through BellSouth, but we have no way to pay the part

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from ITC-DeltaCom. The bill for the services from May-June 30 (see attached) could probably be managed, but we are in the same situation with Year 3. Our request to USAC was to allow us to pay BellSouth and ITC-DeltaCom with the approved FRN. The allocation, as approved, would cover the services if they would allow us to pay two vendors. The request was denied (please find letter of request and denial attached).

(iii) question presented for review

The SLD letter stated that the decision could be appealed to the FCC. The purpose of this letter is to ask that our request be reconsidered. Can we please pay two vendors from our Year 2 FRN251124, and our Year 3 FRN370134? The request is not for additional funds, only to pay both vendors providing service.

(iv) statement of the relief sought

The relief sought is only to be able to use approved FRNs in Year 2 and Year 3 to pay two vendors instead of one, as a result of one not being able to provide the service.

Your consideration of this review will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

  
Alesa Judd  
Contact Person  
Bibb County Board of Education

  
Donald R. McCalla  
Superintendent  
Bibb County Board of Education

Copy to: USAC  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125-Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
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August 17, 2000

Schools and Libraries Division,

This letter is written to request the addition of a vendor SPIN number to an existing approved year 2 FRN. We contracted with BellSouth to provide service. BellSouth could not provide service in one area of our county. A sub-contract was arranged with ITC Delta-Com to provide the service that BellSouth could not provide. We thought that BellSouth would pay ITC Delta-Com, however, the bills are coming to us, and we need to request the approval of the second company as an approved vendor.

Relevant information follows:

Year 2 Form 471 Application Number: 149558

Billed entity number: 127914

FRN Involved: 251124

Original Vendor Name and SPIN #: BellSouth Telecommunications SPIN #143004824

New Vendor Name and SPIN #: ITC DeltaCom, Inc. SPIN # 143001196

The service funded in the FRN #251124 requires both vendors to supply the service. The line runs across two different area codes, and neither vendor can supply the service without the other. Your help in resolving this will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Donald R. McCalla  
Superintendent



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ADMINISTRATIVE CO.

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

Box 125 – Correspondence Unit  
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Whippany, New Jersey 07981

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## Administrator's Decision on SPIN Change

September 11, 2000

Donald R. McCalla  
Bibb County School District  
157 S.W Davidson Drive  
Centreville, AL 35042

Re:    Application Number:            149558  
      Funding Request Numbers:    251124  
      Funding Year:                    1999-2000

After thorough review and investigation of your letter seeking approval to change Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and service provider for the funding year listed above, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company has made the following determination on each Funding Request Number that was included in your inquiry for the above referenced Application Number.

Funding Request Numbers:    FRN's listed above  
Decision on inquiry to change SPIN number and service provider:    Denied

The following explanation is provided to inform you of the reason for our decision on these Funding Request Numbers.

Your request would require the SLD to split an existing Funding Request Number (FRN) into two or more FRNs. The SLD cannot accommodate your request because we are limited to the FRNs as listed in your original Form 471. The only way to change those FRNs is through the Receipt Acknowledgement Letter (RAL) correction process, which occurs prior to the funding commitment process.

Since your request was not processed in the pre-commitment phase, it is being denied.

We strongly encourage you to work with your service providers to seek a solution (such as shared billing) that will allow you to fully utilize the funding for which you were approved.

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 12<sup>TH</sup> Street, S.W., 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](http://www.sl.universalservice.org)>. The appeal must be filed with the FCC no later

than 30 days from the date of the issuance of this letter, in order for the appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation during the decision process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

3198 Hwy 280 S  
Room 300NB  
Birmingham, AL 35243

Phone: 205 / 968-4825  
Fax: 205 / 968-4497



# Fax

<b>To:</b> Dr. Judd	<b>From:</b> Julie Bratton
<b>Fax:</b> 205-928-6075	<b>Pages:</b> 7
<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Date:</b> December 9, 1999
<b>Re:</b> T1 Contracts	<b>CC:</b>

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• **Comments**

Dr. Judd,

Here are the contracts for the full T1 Line Speed for Randolph and the Board of Education. You should also be receiving another contract for what is called an NNI ( Network to Network Interface ). The NNI Contract Price was awarded to you so do not worry. It is just another component we need to enable Randolph to have connectivity back to the Board. Please call myself or David Elliot with any questions. I hope you have been able to contact someone at DB Tech. If DB Tech has the Internet Circuit covered then you have enough money to go ahead with the full T1 at Randolph.

Thanks!

Julie

205-968-4825



FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT FOR APPLICATION NUMBER: 0000149558

Funding Request Number: 0000251121 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$4,157.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 80%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$3,325.60 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000251124 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$30,340.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 80%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$24,272.00 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000251129 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$6,483.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 80%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,186.40 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000251132 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$6,483.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 80%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,186.40 - 471 approved as submitted

Funding Request Number: 0000251135 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Provider Contract Number: T  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/1999  
Contract Expiration Date: N/A  
Pre-discount Cost: \$6,483.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 80%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$5,186.40 - 471 approved as submitted

Year 2 Request

Bell South has already been paid \$4,816.14 Pre-Discount  
Bibb Co Bd of Ed will be reimbursed \$3,855.32 (BEAR)

Please consider following invoice from ITC-DeltaCom - SPIN 143061196  
(service needed to complete circuit)  
Pre-discount \$1,716.92 on 06/08/00 statement  
80% = 1,373.54

# ITC DELTACOM

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Account Name: **BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - RANDOLP**  
 Address: **157 SW DAVIDSON DRIVE  
 CENTERVILLE AL 35042-2277**

Account No.  
**1114467-2**

Due By  
**7/05/00**  
 Date of Bill  
**6/08/00**

For Customer Use  
 Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
 Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Balance	Payments/ Adjustments	Balance Forward	Current Charges & Late Fees	Total Amount Due
\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 1,716.92	\$ 1,716.92

**Special Messages**

Thank you for choosing ITC^DeltaCom for your telecommunications needs. We appreciate your business and would like to know how to serve you better. Feel free to call our Customer Support Center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-239-3000.

**Summary of Current Charges**

BALANCE FORWARD	.00			
LATE CHARGES		.00		
PRODUCT SUMMARY DATA SERVICES			<b>1,716.92</b>	
			<i>1.536 PVC for mobile line connects 2 cities R + Cville</i>	
			<i>Year 2</i>	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$ 1,716.92</b>	<b>\$ 1,716.92</b>	

A late fee of 1.5% may be assessed on the unpaid balance if payment is not received by 7/05/00 (date due).

Please detach and return this portion with your payment.

# ITC DELTACOM

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Please change my address as noted on the reverse of this form.

Due By  
**7/05/00**

Total Amount Due  
**\$ 1,716.92**

Amount Enclosed  
**\$**

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 BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION - RANDOLP  
 157 SW DAVIDSON DRIVE  
 CENTERVILLE AL 35042-2277

Send Payment to:  
**ITC DELTACOM**  
 P.O. Box 1233  
 Arab, Alabama 35016

Acct. No.: 1114467-2

111446720001716920608000



FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 181248

Funding Request Number: 370134 Funding Status: Funded  
SPIN: 143004824 Service Provider Name: BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.  
Contract Number: 205M345041-041  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000  
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2001  
Billing Account Number: 2059269881  
Pre-Discount Amount: \$57,852.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 79%  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$45,703.08 - 471 approved as submitted

Year 3 Request

BellSouth is approved vendor

ITC Delta-Com is needed to provide part of service.

See following statement

12 months @ \$1,392.10 = 16,705.20 pre-discount  
13,197.11 79% discount

Please allow us to use this amount to pay

ITC DeltaCom,

remaining for BellSouth services.

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Account No. 1114467-2  
Address: BIBB COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
157 SW DAVIDSON DRIVE  
CENTERVILLE AL 35042-2277

Due By

10/03/00

Date of Bill

9/08/00

For Customer Use

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Balance

Payments/ Adjustments

Balance Forward

Current Charges & Late Fees

Total Amount Due

Special Messages

**Summary of Current Charges**

BALANCE FORWARD

4,573.89

LATE CHARGES

68.60

PRODUCT SUMMARY  
DATA SERVICES

1,392.10

X 12 mo.

Year 3

Effective September 1, 2000, any amendment to your original Toll Free Features will incur a \$25.00 change charge. Some examples may include a change in the routing sequence, or a time change in the time of day table. This change charge applies to both new and existing Enhanced Toll Free Services, and only pertains to amendments made after the service has been installed. If changes are made, the change charge will automatically be added to your monthly bill. Please call ITC^DeltaCom Customer Support toll free at 1-800-239-3000 with any questions regarding your statement.

TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES

1,460.70

\$6,034.59

A late fee of 1.5% may be assessed on the unpaid balance if payment is not received by 10/03/00 (date due).

Please detach and return this portion with your payment.

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Due By

10/03/00

Total Amount Due

\$6,034.59

Amount Enclosed

\$

Please change my address as noted on the reverse of this form.

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