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In the matter of: Request for Review by Thomas Communications & Technologies, LLC of Decision of Universal Service Administrator (FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45)

Re: 471 Application #201719 -John A. Coleman Catholic High School

To Whom It May Concern:

Thomas Communications & Technologies, LLC (TC&T) is an E-rate consulting firm for John A. Coleman Catholic High School. It is our belief that John A. Coleman Catholic High School was erroneously denied funding for its telecommunication services for E-rate Program Year III.

During the application process for E-rate Program Year III, TC&T applied on behalf of John A. Coleman Catholic High School for funding for their telecommunication services.

Upon receipt of the Funding Commitment Report, TC&T noticed that the category of service for Intermedia Communications, Inc (FRN 447928) had been changed from Telecommunications Services to Internet Access. The funding request for Intermedia was denied because Internet Access services had not been requested on the Form 470.

The services provided by Intermedia are for a 56k line for the school. This type of recurring dedicated service falls under the Telecommunications Services category according to the Schools and Libraries Division service eligibility list. Additionally, the list also states that these services can be offered through an Internet service provider as a component of an Internet package. Therefore, these services can be used interchangeably as an eligible Internet Access service as well as a Telecommunications Service.

Since both Internet Access and Telecommunications Services are Priority One services and it is debatable as to whether or not the 56k line is strictly considered an Internet Access service, TC&T is requesting that the category of service for Intermedia be changed back to Telecommunications Services. This would enable John A. Coleman Catholic High School to receive the funding for their telecommunication services that they are entitled to.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Sincerely,

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