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Reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21
Reference June 27, 2000 Appeal Letter to FCC

Dear Sirs:

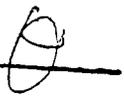
This letter along with the previously submitted appeal referenced above serves as an appeal of the funding commitment decisions made by the Schools and Libraries Division in reference to the following two applications:

Applicant: Richmond County School District
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Funding Letter: April 27, 2001
Form 471: 210679
Billed Entity: 126452
SPIN: 143005068 -- TDI Services
Funding Request #: 0000485899
Funding Request #: 0000485900
Decision for both requests: Not funded -- 28 day waiting period violated

Funding Letter: April 27, 2001
Form 471: 510561
Billed Entity: 126452
SPIN: 143005672 -- Tech Knowledge
Funding Request #: 0000485984
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Decision for both Requests: Not funded -- 28 day waiting period violated

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The 28 day waiting period for these two contracts should be waived for the following reasons:

1. The actual RFP that was issued for these funding requests was written to solicit services for a 15 month period from April 1, 2000-June 30, 2001. Funding for these RFP services was requested using a Year 2 470 and a Year 3 470.
 - The Year 3 request for these services was filed electronically and posted on the web site December 14, 1999. The allowable signing date for the Year 3 part of this contract was January 11, 2000. The Year 3 contract was signed on January 13, 2000 and negotiations stipulated that Year 3 services would be provided as agreed but Year 2 activities were on hold until we heard about the Year 2 funding situation.
 - The Year 2 request for these services was filed manually on December 20, 1999. Posting was delayed by the SLF because of errors in the processing of the Year 2 applications. Although the contractors for the Year 2 services were selected and contracts were signed on January 12 and 13th, 2000, these contracts were for the Year 3 part of the services. An actual agreement for the Year 2 services has been on hold since the original submission of the Year 2 471s. Whereas the contractor was selected, the actual agreement to provide Year 2 services has never been finalized.
2. The actual services covered under the Year 2 requests were actually posted on the website for the required 28 days as part of the 15 month RFP for Year 2/3. The intent of the law was adequately met because the posting requirements had been realized in the Year 3 RFP.
3. Posting errors made by the SLF when processing Year 2 applications were the direct cause of the signing errors.

The Richmond County School District has been awaiting your response for almost one year -- a period of time that should have been sufficient to resolve this issue. I would appreciate your prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Karl G. O'Dell
Superintendent of Schools