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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

In the matter of: Request for Review by Winnebago Public School District,
Winnebago, Nebraska of Decision of Universal Service
Administrator
FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Commissioners:

This is an appeal of six Administrator's Decisions on Appeal dated October 1, 2001 relating to a Letter of Appeal of six (6) Funding Commitment Decision Letters for Funding Year 4. The Administrator's Decisions of Appeal are attached hereto as Exhibits A-1 through A-6. The appeals were denied on the basis that they were "received more than 30 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decisions Letter was issued". **The impediment to having our appeal received within the original time was the severe disruption of services and commerce in our country caused by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The appeal was mailed via the United States Postal Service in a manner and at a time that would have resulted in timely delivery in normal circumstances.**

On September 17, 2001, the undersigned, an authorized representative of the Winnebago Public School District, mailed a Letter of Appeal, properly addressed to the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company captioned as follows:

Re: Funding Commitment Decision Letters for Funding Year 4 (2001-2002)
Winnebago Public School District, Winnebago, NE

Billed Entity Number: 138308

Relating to the following Form 471 Application Numbers:

- 259869
- 259989
- 260081
- 260153
- 260240
- 260261

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The undersigned personally took this Letter of Appeal to the United States Post Office in New Brighton, Minnesota on September 17, 2001 and arranged and paid for it to be sent "Express Mail PO-ADD Serial Number ET697699757US Next day Noon /Normal Delivery" (Receipt attached as Exhibit B). The receipt is time stamped at 03:30:49 PM. The Postal Employee cited the National Emergency as a result of the Terrorist Attacks and in particular, since this mailing was to be delivered merely a few miles from Ground Zero in New York City, speculated that next day service could not be guaranteed but that purchasing that service was the best possibility that it would get there as soon as possible. The Letter of Appeal was properly addressed (see Customer Copy of mailing label attached as Exhibit C).

The Funding Commitment Decision Letters that were appealed were dated August 20, 2001 (although they were not received in Winnebago Nebraska by Superintendent Virgil Likness until September 30, 2001), and therefore to be timely filed the appeal should have reached the Universal Service Administrative Company by September 19, 2001. Therefore mailing on September 17 by Express Mail next day /noon delivery would have been more than sufficient under normal circumstances.

It was not possible to mail this Letter of Appeal any earlier because communication with and receipt of documentation from Mr. Girard (the former employee of Winnebago Schools who had prepared and filed the original application) was also disrupted by the national tragedy. We received the final materials from him on September 17, 2001.

The United States Postal Service provides a website where delivery of Express Mail can be tracked. On September 19, 2001, the undersigned checked that website and found that the "item had arrived at Whippany NJ 07981 at 12:11 pm on September 19" (see copy of delivery status report attached as Exhibit D). Upon learning of the rejection of the appeal that website was again checked and it was discovered that the "item was delivered at 7:00 am on September 20, 2001 in Whippany NJ 07981 to NECA. The item was signed for by C FORNARO." (See Exhibit E attached hereto.) One can only speculate as to what aspects of the national emergency affected the United States Postal Service or the Universal Service Administrative Company to cause this delay, but in any event the education of the students at Winnebago Public Schools should not suffer because of it.

A copy of the Letter of Appeal is attached as Exhibit F. The E-rate program is very significant to the education of the Winnebago Public Schools student population, which is primarily Native American from the surrounding Reservation. Winnebago Public Schools is located in a rural area and has such a high percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program that the E-rate discount applicable for the Winnebago Public Schools is 90%. The above referenced Form 471 Applications represent a total commitment to technology of \$140,377.25 and a requested discount at the 90% rate of \$126,339.52. We therefore respectfully request your favorable consideration of this appeal.

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We respectfully request that the Federal Communications Commission by either:

- 1. Granting the relief requested in the original appeal as set forth in the Letter of Appeal dated September 17, 2001 attached hereto as Exhibit E (Approving the funding in the amount originally requested on Forms 471); or**
- 2. Directing the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company to consider the appeal represented by the Letter of Appeal dated September 17, 2001 even though, although timely mailed, it was not received until September 20, 2001 due to the results of the Terrorist Attack on September 11, 2001.**

Meritide, Inc. and the undersigned Richard B. Peterson have been engaged as technology consultants for the Winnebago Public School District, Winnebago, Nebraska and have been requested and authorized to make and process this appeal of the Administrators Decision on Appeal. Contact information for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with the Federal Communications Commission is:

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Phone/Fax: (651) 255-7302
Cellular: (612) 867-9803
e-mail: dick.peterson@meritide.com

Please contact the undersigned if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard B. Peterson
Authorized Representative of the
Winnebago Public Schools

Cc: Dr. Virgil Likness
Superintendent
Winnebago Public School District
P.O. Box KK, Highway 77 & 75
Winnebago, NE 68071

Administrator
Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Services Administrative Company
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

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Exhibit A-1



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal

October 1, 2001

Richard B. Peterson
Meritide, Inc.
Re: Winnebago Public School District
708 Cleveland Avenue SW #200
St. Paul, MN 55112

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Re:	Application Number:	259869
	Funding Year	2001-2002
	Date of Issuance of Funding	
	Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
	Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

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October 1, 2001

Richard B. Peterson
Meritide, Inc.
Re: Winnebago Public School District
708 Cleveland Avenue SW #200
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Re:	Application Number:	259989
	Funding Year	2001-2002
	Date of Issuance of Funding	
	Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
	Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

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October 1, 2001

Richard B. Peterson
Meritide, Inc.
Re: Winnebago Public School District
708 Cleveland Avenue SW #200
St. Paul, MN 55112

Re: Application Number:	260081
Funding Year	2001-2002
Date of Issuance of Funding Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

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Meritide, Inc.
Re: Winnebago Public School District
708 Cleveland Avenue SW #200
St. Paul, MN 55112

Re:	Application Number:	260153
	Funding Year	2001-2002
	Date of Issuance of Funding	
	Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
	Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

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Richard B. Peterson
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Re: Winnebago Public School District
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St. Paul, MN 55112

Re: Application Number:	260240
Funding Year	2001-2002
Date of Issuance of Funding Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

Our records show that your appeal was received more than 30 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decisions Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 30 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "SLD Procedure for Post-Commitment Appeals" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/10procpost.asp>.) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

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October 1, 2001

Richard B. Peterson
Meritide, Inc.
Re: Winnebago Public School District
708 Cleveland Avenue SW #200
St. Paul, MN 55112

Re: Application Number:	260261
Funding Year	2001-2002
Date of Issuance of Funding Commitment Decision Letter:	August 20, 2001
Date Appeal Received:	September 20, 2001

Our records show that your appeal was received more than 30 days after the date your Funding Commitment Decisions Letter was issued (see dates above). The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require applicants to submit appeals so USAC/SLD receives them within 30 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued. (See "SLD Procedure for Post-Commitment Appeals" at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/apply/10procpst.asp>.) The FCC rules do not permit the SLD to consider your appeal. If you wish to continue this process, you may submit a new appeal, stating the impediment to your filing your appeal within the original time, to the FCC at the following address:

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September 17, 2001

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07981

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Billed Entity Number: 138308
Relating to the following Form 471 Application Numbers:
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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The item being appealed by this letter of appeal is the Funding Commitment Decision on each Funding Commitment Report attached to the Funding Commitment Decision Letters referenced above. All of the Funding Commitment Decisions were “**\$0.00 – 470 Not Certified**” and the Funding Commitment Decision Explanation for each Funding Commitment Report was “**The FRN references a form 470 which has not been certified.**”

Mr. Raymond Girard was the member of the faculty at Winnebago Public Schools who had the responsibility for applying for the E-rate program on behalf of the schools. He prepared the Form 470 Application in question and submitted it electronically on Saturday December 9, 2001. At that time the Form 470 carried Applicant's Form 470 Identifier of: “479Bago2000” and was given a Form 470 Application Number of: “412440000338204”. Mr. Girard printed a copy of the Form 470 Application and signed the certification required in Block 5 and mailed that signed certification to SLD on Monday December 11, 2000. Mr. Girard is no longer on the faculty of Winnebago Public Schools, however, he has executed the attached **Affidavit** affirming these matters. Attached to that affidavit is a complete copy of the Form 470 Application including the signed Block 5.

The E-rate program is very significant to the education of the Winnebago Public Schools student population, which is primarily Native American from the surrounding Reservation. Winnebago Public Schools is located in a Rural area and has such a high percentage of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program that the E-rate discount applicable for the Winnebago Public Schools is 90%. The above referenced Form 471 Applications represent a total commitment to technology of \$140,377.25 and a requested discount at the 90% rate of \$126,339.52. We therefore respectfully request your favorable consideration of this appeal.

Please contact the undersigned if you need any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Richard B. Peterson
Authorized Representative of the
Winnebago Public Schools

Cc: Dr. Virgil Likness
Superintendent
Winnebago Public School District

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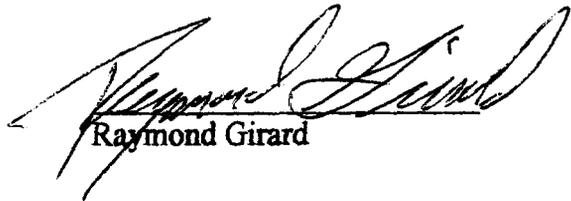
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State of Nebraska)
) Ss.
County of Nemaha)

The undersigned Raymond Girard, being first duly sworn, hereby states and affirms as follows:

1. That he was a member of the faculty of the Winnebago Public School District, Winnebago, Nebraska, during the school year commencing in August 2000 and ending in June 2001 and had responsibility for applying for E-rate grants on behalf of said school district for Funding Year 4 (2001-2002);
2. That on December 9, 2001 he prepared and submitted electronically FCC Form 470 for Funding Year 4 on behalf of Winnebago Public School District;
3. That said Form 470 carried Applicant's Form Identifier of 470Bago2000 and that said Form 470 was given Form 470 Application Number 412440000338204 at the time that it was submitted electronically;
4. That prior to submitting said Form 470 electronically, the undersigned printed a full and correct copy of the electronic Form 470 and that on or about December 9, 2000, the undersigned signed the certification at Block 5 of said Form 470; and
5. That on or about December 11, 2000, the undersigned mailed, by United States Mail, the signed Block 5 certification to SLD-Form 470, P.O. Box 7026, Lawrence Kansas 66044-7026.

Further Affiant sayeth not.


Raymond Girard

State of Nebraska)
) Ss.
County of Nemaha)

Raymond Girard acknowledged the foregoing affidavit before me this 15 day of September 2001

GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska
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Notary Public

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Approval by OMB
3060-0806

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 5.0 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before completing. (To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers.)

Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications
(School, library, or consortium desiring Universal Service funding.)

Form 470 Application Number: 412440000338204
Applicant's Form Identifier: 470Bago2000
Application Status: COMPLETE
Posting Date: 12/19/2000
Allowable Contract Date: 01/16/2001
Certification Received Date:

1. Name of Applicant: WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST			
2. Funding Year: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2002		3. Your Entity Number 138308	
4. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number			
a. Street HIGHWAY 77 & 75			
City WINNEBAGO	State NE	Zip Code 5Digit 68071	Zip Code 4Digit
b. Telephone number ext. (402) 878- 2224		c. Fax number (402) 878- 2472	
d. E-mail Address rgirard@esul.org			
5. Type Of Applicant (Check only one box)			
<input type="radio"/> Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)			
<input type="radio"/> Individual School (individual public or non-public school)			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> School District (LEA;public or non-public[e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)			
<input type="radio"/> Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)			
6a. Contact Person's Name: Raymond Girard			
6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number (if different from Item 4)			
<input type="radio"/> HIGHWAY 77 & 75			
City WINNEBAGO	State NE	Zip Code 5Digit 68071	Zip Code 4Digit
<input type="radio"/> 6c. Telephone Number (10 digits + ext.) (402) 878- 2224			
<input type="radio"/> 6d. Fax Number (10 digits) (402) 878- 2472			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> 6e. E-mail Address (50 characters max.) rgirard@esul.org			

Block 2: Summary Description of Needs or Services Requested

7 This Form 470 describes (check all that apply):

a. Tariffed services - telecommunications services, purchased at regulated prices, for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for tariffed services for each funding year.

b. Month-to-month services for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for these services for each funding year.

c. Services for which a new written contract is sought for the funding year in Item 2.

d. A multi-year contract signed on or before 7/10/97 but for which no Form 470 has been filed in a previous program year.

NOTE: Services that are covered by a qualified contract for all or part of the funding year in Item 2 do NOT require filing of Form 470. A qualified contract is a signed, written contract executed pursuant to posting a Form 470 in a previous program year OR a contract signed on/before 7/10/97 and reported on a Form 470 in a previous year as an existing contract.

8 Telecommunications Services

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a. YES, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at or via the Contact Person in Item 6 or the contact listed in Item 11.

b. NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Telecommunications Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local voice service) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., 20 existing lines plus 10 new ones). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Telecommunications Services, and remember that only common carrier telecommunications companies can provide these services under the universal service support mechanism. Add additional lines if needed.

9 Internet Access

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a. YES, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at or via the Contact Person in Item 6 or the contact listed in Item 11.

b. NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Internet Access Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., monthly Internet service) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., for 500 users). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internet Access Services. Add additional lines if needed.

10 Internal Connections

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking ?

a. YES, I have an RFP. Choose one of the following: It is available on the Web at or via the Contact Person in Item 6 or the contact listed in Item 11.

b. NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Internal Connections Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local area network) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., connecting 10 rooms and 300 computers at 56Kbps or better). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internal Connections Services. Add additional lines if needed.

11 (Optional) Please name the person on your staff or project who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking. This need not be the contact person listed in Item 6 nor the signer of this form.

Name:
Raymond Girard

Title:
Technology Specialist

Telephone number (10 digits + ext.)
(402) 878 - 2227

Fax number
0 -

E-mail Address (50 characters max.)
rgirard@esu1.org

12. Check here if there are any restrictions imposed by state or local laws or regulations on how or when providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures. Please describe below any such restrictions or procedures, and/or give Web address where they are posted.

13. (Optional) Purchases in future years: If you have plans to purchase additional services in future years, or expect to seek new contracts for existing services, summarize below (including the likely time-frames).

Block 3: Technology Assessment

14. Basic telephone service only: If your application is for basic local and long distance voice telephone service only, check this box and skip to Item 16.

15. Although the following services and facilities are ineligible for support, they are usually necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested in this application. Unless you indicated in Item 14 that your application is ONLY for basic telephone service, you must check at least one box in (a) through (e). You may provide details for purchases being sought.

- a. Desktop communications software: Software required has been purchased; and/or is being sought.
- b. Electrical systems: adequate electrical capacity is in place or has already been arranged; and/or upgrading for additional electrical capacity is being sought.
- c. Computers: a sufficient quantity of computers has been purchased; and/or is being sought.
- d. Computer hardware maintenance: adequate arrangements have been made; and/or are being sought.
- e. Staff development: all staff have had an appropriate level of training or additional training has already been scheduled; and/or training is being sought.
- f. Additional details: Use this space to provide additional details to help providers to identify the services you desire.

Block 4: Recipients of Service

16. Eligible Entities That Will Receive Service:

Check the ONE choice that best describes this application and the eligible entities that will receive the services described in this application.

You must select a state if (b) or (c) is selected:

a. **Individual school or single-site library:** Check here, and enter the billed entity in Item 17.

b. **Statewide application (check all that apply):**

- All public schools/districts in the state:
- All non-public schools in the state:
- All libraries in the state:

If your statewide application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. If checked, complete Item 18.

c. **School district, library system, or consortium application to serve multiple eligible sites:**

Number of eligible sites	
<i>For these eligible sites, please provide the following</i>	
Area Codes (list each unique area code)	Prefixes associated with each area code (first 3 digits of phone number) separate with commas, leave no spaces
If your application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here. <input type="checkbox"/> If checked, complete Item 18.	

17. Billed Entities

Entity Name	Entity Number
WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST	138308

18. Ineligible Entities

Ineligible Participating Entity	Entity Number	Area Code	Prefix

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19. The applicant includes:(Check one or both)

- a. schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 8801(14) and (25), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- b. libraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to) elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities.

20. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia receiving services under this application are covered by:

- a. individual technology plans for using the services requested in the application
- b. higher-level technology plans for using the services requested in the application
- c. no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and long distance telephone service only.

21. Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):

- a. technology plan(s) has/have been approved by a state or other authorized body.
- b. technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body.
- c. no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and long distance telephone service only.

22. I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.

23. I recognize that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) or library(ies) I represent securing access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to use the services purchased effectively.

24. I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named entities, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.

25. Signature of authorized person: 

26. Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/9/2000

27. Printed name of authorized person: Raymond Girard

28. Title or position of authorized person: Technology Specialist

29. Telephone number of authorized person: (402) 878 - 2224 ext.