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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: CC Docket 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Per a request from Dan Gonzalez we are filing the attached "Forms 472-Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement" letters. The first letter of December 13, 2001 was for an earlier fund year. The language in the March 14, 2003 letter is for a later fund year and is a significant improvement. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has clarified the number of days for the service provider to pay schools and libraries, once funds are received from USAC. This letter also clarifies when the service provider can expect payment from USAC.

Sincerely,

Mary Henze

cc: Dan Gonzalez

USAC**Universal Service Administrative Company**
Schools & Libraries Division**FORM 472 BILLED ENTITY APPLICANT REIMBURSEMENT APPROVAL**

December 13, 2001

1600 7th Ave.
6th Floor
Seattle, WA 98191**Re: Approval of Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form**Qwest Interprise America, Inc. fka US West Interprise Americ
Service Provider Identification Number: 143000132**471 Applicant:**

STANFIELD, AZ 85272

Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$9490.50
Applicant Reimbursement Form Number: M112801
SLD Applicant Reimbursement Form Number: 262128
Contact Name for Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form:
Preferred Mode of Contact: FAX
Contact Info: (520) 424-3798

As you know from a "Funding Commitment Decision Letter" previously sent to you, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) has committed to reimburse you for the discounted portion of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to Form(s) 471 filed by the 471 Applicant named above. You also know from a "Form 486 Notification Letter" also sent to you previously that this 471 Applicant has filed a Form 486 advising the SLD that service delivery has begun. You have also worked with the 471 Applicant to complete the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form seeking reimbursement to the 471 Applicant of the discounted portion of bills paid in full to you since the effective date of the discount.

The SLD has processed the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form and found it to be in compliance with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules. Pursuant to the Service Provider Acknowledgement page of the Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form, which you signed, you must remit to the 471 Applicant as soon as possible the amount shown as "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" above, but in no event later than 10 calendar days after receipt of payment of the approved discounts from the Universal Service Administrative Company. You also agreed not to tender or make use of the payment of the approved discounts issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company to you prior to remitting the discount to the Billed Entity Applicant. If the "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" is greater than the amount of the "Funding Commitment Decision," then the Universal Service Administrative Company will issue a check in an amount not to exceed the "Funding Commitment Decision." You should expect that the check will be mailed to you within 20 calendar days of the date of this letter.

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To provide the discount amount, the "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment," to the Form 471 Billed Entity Applicant, the service provider may (1) issue a check, or (2) issue a credit on the 471 Applicant's bill.

On the following page(s) is a list, for each service request detailed in the applicant's FCC Form 471, Block 5, Discount Funding Request, showing the reimbursement amount billed for each FRN. For each item, there is the Funding Request Number (FRN), and several other identifying pieces of information. For each FRN, the SLD will deduct the amount approved for reimbursement from the Funding Commitment Decision it has made for the FRN, so that the maximum remaining amount available for payment will be the original commitment less the amount approved for reimbursement to the 471 Applicant.

Please Note: Beginning with Funding Year 3 (07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001), if part of this Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement is the first payment request for an FRN for the associated funding year, all subsequent disbursements for the FRN may be made only on the basis of a FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Reimbursement Form. In short, where the BEAR is the first payment request on an FRN, an FCC Form 474 Service Provider Invoice Form for that FRN will not be accepted.

Explanation of Information Provided in Approval of Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form Letter

On the following pages we provide you with identifying information for the FRNs for which the 471 Applicant is seeking reimbursement. To help understand this synopsis the following definitions are provided:

- * **Funding Request Number (FRN):** A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each service request detailed in Block 5 of the Applicant's Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to Applicants and Service Providers the status of individual discount requests submitted on Form 471.
- * **471 Application Number:** A unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 by the SLD (From page 1 of the Form 471).
- * **Funding Year:** The funding year for which discounts have been approved.
- * **Contract Number:** The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on Form 471.
- * **Funding Commitment Decision:** This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse service providers for the discounts for this service.
- * **Reimbursement Amount for this FRN:** This is the amount of reimbursement to the 471 Applicant that has been approved for the FRN. This amount will be deducted from the Funding Commitment Decision amount.
- * **Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation (if applicable):** This is the reason(s) that a Reimbursement Request may be reduced or rejected.



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

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Form 472 (BEAR Form) Notification Letter

March 14, 2003

1600 7th Ave.
Room 501
Seattle, WA 98191

Re: Form 472 Invoice Number: 367700
Service Provider Identification Number: 143000132
Applicant Form 472 Identifier: QWESTINTER JULY-DEC02
Billed Entity Number: 98358

Preferred Mode of Contact: E
Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment: \$13237.50

This letter is to notify you that the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has received and accepted a Form 472 from the above named applicant listing you as the service provider. The SLD has committed to reimburse the discounted portion of the cost of eligible services provided to eligible entities pursuant to one or more Forms 471. As stated in the Form 486 Notification Letter sent to you previously, the applicant has filed a Form 486 advising the SLD that service delivery has begun. The applicant has completed this Form 472 with your assistance, seeking reimbursement of the discounted portion of bills already paid in full to you since the effective date of the discount.

The SLD has processed the Form 472. Pursuant to the Service Provider Acknowledgment page of the Form 472 which you signed, you must remit to the applicant the amount shown as "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment" above, no later than 10 calendar days after receipt of payment of the approved discounts from USAC. You also agreed not to tender or make use of the payment of the approved discounts issued by USAC to you prior to remitting the discount to the applicant.

The USAC check should be mailed to the service provider named above within 20 calendar days of the date of this letter.

To reimburse the "Total Amount of Reimbursement Approved for Payment," to the applicant, the service provider may (1) issue a check or (2) issue a credit to the applicant. The decision as to which form the reimbursement should take should be a mutual one between the service provider and the applicant.

The maximum remaining amount available for each Funding Request Number (FRN) listed on the synopsis on the following page(s) will be the original commitment less the amount approved herein for reimbursement and less any earlier disbursements to the applicant.

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning with Funding Year 2000 (07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001), if the first payment request processed for an FRN is on a Form 472, all subsequent payment requests for that FRN must be made on a Form 472; a Form 474 (Service Provider Invoice Form) for that FRN will not be accepted.

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EXPLANATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM 472 (BEAR FORM) NOTIFICATION LETTER

To help understand the Form 472 Notification Letter Applicant Reimbursement Synopsis the following definitions are provided.

Funding Request Number (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of a Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual discount funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

471 Application Number: A unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 by the SLD, from page 1 of the Form 471.

Funding Year: The funding year for which discounts have been approved. Funding years begin on July 1 and end on the following June 30. Funding years are designated by the calendar year in which they begin.

Contract Number: The contract or agreement number as identified in Block 5, Item 15 of the Form 471.

Funding Commitment Decision: This represents the TOTAL amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse the cost of the discounts for this service for the specified funding year.

Reimbursement Amount for this FRN: This is the amount of reimbursement to the applicant that has been approved for this FRN on this Form 472.

Reimbursement Request Decision Explanation (SHOWN ONLY IF RELEVANT): This is the reason(s) that a Reimbursement Request was reduced or rejected.

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