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December 19, 2005

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

Re: *Request for Review*

CC Docket No. 02-6 and CC Docket No. 96-45

Applicant Name: CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST 1

Billed Entity Number: 139485

Form 471 Application No: 475637

Funding Request Number(s): 1359606, 1359687, 1359688, 1359689

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting a review of USAC's denial of my appeal (denial letter dated December 13, 2005, enclosed) and am enclosing my entire appeal packet. I realize this packet contains a lot of "detail", but I earnestly plead with you to carefully review the entire content. I filed everything in a timely manner UNLESS SPECIFICALLY ADVISED DIFFERENTLY BY USAC PERSONNEL (who are individually named and documented with corresponding case # in my narrative).

I would be more than happy to discuss this matter with you if afforded the opportunity. USAC cites my Form 471 was not filed within the allowable filing window (see their letter dated December 13, last paragraph). Please review the circumstances surrounding this (my four page narrative) showing I was specifically advised by USAC personnel to wait until after February 24, 2005 to file my 471. Keep in mind I originally filed my 470 on December 10, but USAC stated they did not receive it until they called me and asked me to re-submit in January. Please also note my certified/return mail receipts attached.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Freeman

E-Rate Coordinator

freec@clinton.k12.ar.us

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2005-2006

December 13, 2005

Cynthia Freeman
Clinton Schools
851 Yellowjacket Lane
Clinton, AR 72031

Re: Applicant Name: CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST 1
Billed Entity Number: 139485
Form 471 Application Number: 475637
Funding Request Number(s): 1359606, 1359687, 1359688, 1359689
Your Correspondence Dated: October 26, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1359606, 1359687, 1359688, 1359689
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- On appeal, you request that the Form 471 application be processed within the filing window. In support of your request, you state that the school's Form 470 and subsequent Form 471 would have been timely, but were delayed because of SLD's technical difficulties. You provide a detailed list of events that you claim occurred with SLD case numbers. You also include proof of delivery to SLD-Form 470 that is dated December 14, 2004.
- Upon thorough review of the appeal letter and the relevant facts, we find that you did not file or postmark the FCC Form 471 application number 475637 before the close of the Fund Year 2005 filing window. In order to be considered within the Fund Year 2005 filing window, your application and certification should have been postmarked or filed by 11:59 p.m. EST on February 18, 2005. Your Form

471 application and certification was postmarked on March 2, 2005. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all Forms are submitted to SLD in a timely and correct manner.

- SLD denied your appeal because it determined that your Form 471 Application and Certification was not postmarked on or before the close of the filing window on February 18, 2005. In order to be considered within the filing window, both the application and the certification must be completed. You have failed to demonstrate that the Form 471 Application and Certification was postmarked on or before February 18, 2005. Consequently, your appeal is denied.
- The FCC requires all parts of an application to be postmarked by the final date of the filing window for the relevant funding year for the application to be treated as having been filed within the filing window. *See Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et . al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 ¶¶ 2 and 4. (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). This includes the Form 470 Certification, the Form 471 application, and the Form 471 Certification.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

851 Yellowjacket Lane
Clinton, AR 72031

501-745-6005 Phone
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October 26, 2005

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
Box 125 – Correspondence Unit
80 South Jefferson Road
Whippany, NJ 07891

RE: Applicant's Form Identifier: 4710506
Form 471 Application Number: 475637

To Whom It May Concern:

I am filing an appeal on behalf of Clinton School regarding your decision to hold our application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. Clinton's original form 470 and subsequent form 471 would have been received in a timely manner if not for technical difficulties within your system, the details of which follow (See Attachment 1).

My contact information is:

Cynthia Freeman, E-Rate Coordinator
Clinton Schools
851 Yellowjacket Lane
Clinton, AR 72031
Telephone: 501-745-6005
Fax: 501-745-2475
e-mail address: freec@clinton.k12.ar.us

Appellant Name:	Cynthia Freeman
Applicant Name:	Clinton Public School District
BEN:	139485
Application Number:	475637
Funding Year:	2005 Form 471
Name of USAC's Letter:	"Postmarked Outside of Window"

October 26, 2005

Appeal

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There has been a long history of problems surrounding the filing of Clinton's form 470 and form 471. Please refer to Attachment 1, Pages 1 - 4 of 4. This is a log which I started on December 10, 2004, which was the date of the onset of a series of technical difficulties over which I have absolutely no control. I realize Attachment 1 is quite lengthy, but I feel it is necessary in order for you to realize the full extent of my frustration at having our Form 471 held after we have complied with every requirement of USAC and especially since the subsequent problems all originated within USAC.

I am hereby requesting that you review, in detail, all aspects of USAC's filing guidelines and investigate the technical difficulties we encountered. I feel certain this is not an isolated case and that many schools and libraries are equally affected by these problems. I await your decision.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Freeman
E-Rate Coordinator

- Certified Mail Receipts proving delivery of Form 470 on December 14, 2004
- Attachment 1
 - Page 1 of 4
 - Page 2 of 4
 - Page 3 of 4
 - Page 4 of 4
- Certified Mail Receipts proving delivery of Form 471 on March 8, 2005
- My response to Jennifer Carlson dated July 18, 2005
- Kristi Proctor's fax dated October 12, 2005 and my response of same date

cc w/attachments: Randy McCaslin, President
Arkansas Telephone Company
P. O. Box 69
Clinton, AR 72031

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Submitted **Form 470 on December 10, 2004** and attempted to certify electronically using the PIN previously issued by USAC. I received an error message regarding my PIN so I telephoned the SLD and spoke with **Daniel**, who assigned **Case #21-178062**. He told me how to print my certification page and said since they were experiencing problems with their computer system, I should go sign the certification and mail the paper certification to USAC. He was unable to re-issue a PIN, but instead asked that I give it a month or so and then re-apply for a new PIN. I submitted my Form 470 electronically and printed out the certification page, signed it and sent it by certified mail, return receipt requested (on December 10, 2004).

On **Thursday, January 27, 2005**, I received a telephone call from SLD's "**Sherry**" who asked if I could go back in and "re-submit" my Form 470. I asked if I could locate my paperwork and call her right back and did so at 888-203-8100. She had me reference **Case #21-200248**. She walked me through the process (entering my application number and pressing "I accept" and "Continue" whenever prompted, and I read some of the text I had typed in on the Form 470 prior to December 10th as we went through the process. At the end she told me to press the "submit" button and then she indicated she had received my form. Further, she stated that since I was just now filing my Form 470, I would need to wait until **after February 24, 2005**, to file my Form 471. I told Sherry that would be after the allowable filing window and she said I had to wait; their system would only recognize January 27, 2005, as the date I filed my form 470 and if I filed form 471 prior to February 24th, that would not allow for the required 28 day bid process. She said I would then get an "out of window" filing status and would automatically be denied. At that point, I could file an appeal and explain what had happened. Sherry said she did not have any indication whether or not they would deny or reverse their decision. I asked her if I was the only one that this had happened to and she indicated that she had a long list of people to call who had experienced the same problem. When I asked her if many of them were in Arkansas she said her list did not indicate where the others were located, just that there were many. I asked if by "many" she meant more than 10 or more than 100? She said, "way more than 100."

How can this happen to more than 100 people and SLD not realize that the problem must be internal with their web-link, etc? Why should this many people have to go through an appeal process when we did everything as required? It appears to me there would come a point in time when USAC recognizes a wide-spread problem exists and steps would be taken to make appropriate adjustments (sort of a “step back and regroup” approach) instead of making all applicants go through an appeal process.

On Friday, January 28, 2005, I received a telephone call from “Eric” with SLD. He wanted to know what he could do to help me. I explained the entire problem to him. He said I should go ahead and file my Form 471 during the open window since I had originally submitted on December 10, 2004. *(Please note that this is the exact opposite of what I was told yesterday by another representative of SLD.)* I explained to him that Sherry had specifically advised me NOT to file my Form 471 until after February 24th, 2005.

At that point that he said we obviously have two schools of thought on this, and that I should call 1-888-203-8100 and ask to be transferred to TCSB. Explain this situation and see what they recommend.

February 1, 2005, 2:15CST: I spoke with “Casandra” at 888-203-8100, who took my phone number and advised that someone would call me within 24 hours.

February 2, 2005, 9:05 a.m.: “Linda” called from TCSB and opened **Case #21-204082**. She listened to the history, placed me on hold to check with their technical people to see what should happen now. The general consensus was that I should file my Form 471 AFTER February 24, 2005. She indicated I would get a Funding Request Notification Letter and at that point would need to file my appeal.

March 3, 2005: I mailed my original (paper) copy of Form 471 by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested. Considering all the problems I had experienced when trying to file electronically, I no longer trusted electronic filing.

March 8, 2005: SLD received and signed for our Form 471 and I received my return receipt within a few days thereafter.

Monday, July 18, 2005: I received a call from **Jennifer Carlson @ SLD**. She indicated they had not received my Form 471 Application and asked that I go online and submit my application. I advised that I had sent my entire copy (paper forms with backup, etc.) on March 3rd and that they had already received it and signed for it. She placed me on hold and searched for the packet. She came back to the telephone and advised that she was holding it in her hand, but needed one thing further. Since I had originally started my Form 471 electronically (which I began BEFORE all the problems with my PIN and filing my Form 470 electronically), it was showing up as "incomplete" even though they were holding the paper copy in their hands. She asked me to fax her a note stating that I wanted them to accept the paper copy of my Form 471 as my "**OUT OF WINDOW FULL FORM**" which I did (copy of memo attached). She indicated that I needed to do nothing further at that point; the next step is for them to send me a Funding Request Notification Letter. She assigned **Case #21-282470** to document our action, etc.

Friday, September 23, 2005: I telephoned SLD and spoke with "**Stephanie**" regarding Clinton's Form 471 for 2005/2006. When inquiring as to the status, Stephanie advised me that Block 1 was filled out electronically, but the form was never completed and nothing was ever filed. Once again, I referenced Case #21-282470 and told her of my previous interaction with Jennifer Carlson and revisited the problems I had when I tried to file electronically (Daniel on December 10, 2004). Stephanie didn't know what to do and I was **transferred to "Kristi" in Technical Client Services Bureau**. They could not find my Form 471. I told her that when I spoke with Jennifer Carlson, she was holding it in her hand. Christy said, "Unfortunately, Jennifer does not work here any longer." She put me on hold again (at this point I had been either on hold or engaged in conversation with them for 39 minutes. **At 44 minutes, Christy told me she will take this to her supervisor and they will get back to me within two weeks. I should hear back from them no later than October 7, 2005.**

October 6, 2005: Kristi of TCSB telephoned me to say they had located my Form 471 Application #475637 (she verified these numbers with me while on the telephone) and said that I should receive their letter within a few weeks. Their letter will state that my 471 is denied because it was filed "Out of Window" and that I would have sixty (60) days to file my appeal and state the problems I encountered with my 470 filing.

October 11, 2005: I received a call from Kristi stating that she was working on my Form 471 Application #475637. There were a few places that needed adjustments and she will be e-mailing me her request. I received her e-mail that afternoon.

October 12, 2005: I responded to Kristi's request for additional information and then contacted her by telephone to confirm my response. I revised Block 5 information as she indicated and prepared written correspondence stating they should use their worksheet (which they have created in their computer) and faxed it to her before noon. Later in the day, I was reviewing the entire packet further and realized that the changes I made to Block 5 would have an effect on the information contained in Block 6, so I revised that and faxed it in as well. See my entire packet for all the related items & revisions.

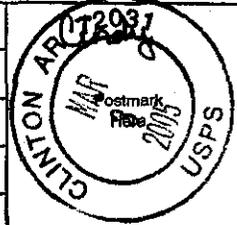
October 25, 2005: I received USAC's letter entitled "Postmarked Outside of Window" and am herewith filing my appeal.

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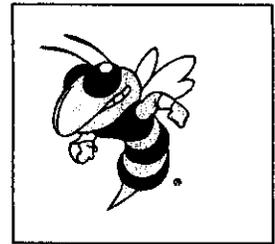
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CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



TO: Jennifer Carlson
FROM: Cynthia Freeman
DATE: July 18, 2005
RE: Form 471 2005 / 2006

851 Yellowjacket Lane
Clinton, AR 72031
501-745-6000 Phone
501-745-2475 Fax

Case # 21-282470

Entity #139485
Applicants Form Identifier #4710506
Form 471 Application #475637
Billed Entity: Clinton Public School District
Funding Year 2005 / 2006

Per our telephone conversation this morning, please accept the paper copy of my form 471 (which you have in your office already) as my "OUT OF WINDOW FULL FORM."

Contact me at 501-745-6005 for any further clarification of if I need to do anything further. Thank you for your assistance.

*Cynthia Freeman
E-rate Coordinator*

Schools and Libraries Division Client Service Bureau

Help Line: (888) 203-8100
Fax: (888) 276-8736
E-Mail: sld-problem-resolution@pearson.com

Fax

To: Cynthia Freeman
Fax: 1-501-745-2475
Phone: 1-501-745-6005
Re: **471 Application ID: 4710506 -PR Case ID#21-282470**
From: Kristi Proctor
Pages: 1
Date: October 12, 2005
*** Urgent!** **For Review** **Please Comment** **Please Reply!** **Please Recycle**

Cynthia Freeman,

I thought I would let you know that we are able to complete the 471 application but there are some corrections needed on the form. Please read the information below and if you have any questions, feel free to give me a call and reference your case number. Of course this application will still be considered outside the window, but you will receive a letter explaining this so that you may file an appeal if you choose.

We are making this contact with you to obtain the necessary information to successfully data enter your Form 471 Services Ordered and Certification Form. Here is the information we need from you so that we may complete data entry of your application for E-Rate Discounts:

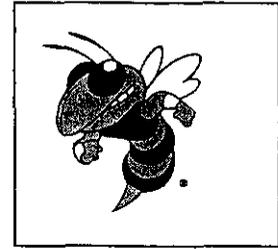
- **Block 5- Pages 1-3 of 4- Item 22:** This item is blank. Please specify if the services received are either shared services or site specific. If the service is site specific, you will need to list the entity number from Block 4 that will be receiving this service. If the services are being shared by all the entities listed on Block 4, then all you need to do is let me know and I will take care of it.
- **Block 5- Page 4 of 4- Item 23 "J & K":** You indicated on item 22 that this FRN is site specific only for entity number 82414 which is for Clinton High School. You listed the discount percentage on Item 23 "J" as 79%, but since this is site specific you will have to list that entities percentage only and not the average discount. Please change the discount percentage to the information that shows on Block 4 and you will need to change the amount for item 23 "K" since the discount percentage will actually change the amount.

Please make these corrections to your form and fax to my attention at 888-276-8736 or email the corrections to my attention at sld-problem-resolution@pearson.com. Please reference the case number and include your full name and title in all correspondences. If you have any questions, please call me at 888-203-8100 and reference **case number 21-282470**.

We need to receive this information from you within 7 calendar days of this communication with you. If we do not receive the requested information from you within this time frame, your Form 471 application will be rejected and returned to you.

Thank you,
Kristi Proctor
Technical Client Service Bureau/Problem Resolution
Schools and Libraries Division
Help Line: (888) 203-8100
Fax: (888) 276-8736
E-Mail: sld-problem-resolution@pearson.com

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



851 Yellowjacket Lane
Clinton, AR 72031
501-745-6005 Phone
501-745-2475 Fax

TO: Kristi Proctor

FROM: Cynthia Freeman

DATE: October 12, 2005

RE: 471 Applic. ID: 470506; Case ID#21-282470

Per our conversation a few moments ago regarding the first item you listed in your correspondence: **Block 5 – Pages 1 thru 3 of 4, Item 22:**

On each of these pages, please list the worksheet number available in your computer.

Regarding **Block 5 – Page 4 of 4, Item 23 “J & K”:**

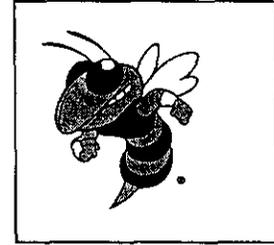
I have corrected the percentage based on the services being site specific and am faxing the revised page along with this correspondence.

I appreciate your assistance in regard to this matter. If you find any further items which need my attention, please notify me and I will respond quickly.

Attachment: Corrected Block 5, Page 4 of 4

Cynthia Freeman

CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



TO: Kristi Proctor

FROM: Cynthia Freeman

DATE: October 12, 2005

RE: **471 Applic. ID: 470506; Case ID#21-282470**

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Clinton, AR 72031
501-745-6005 Phone
501-745-2475 Fax

In reviewing my Form 471, I realized that my totals changing in Block 5, Page 4 of 4, would affect the totals listed in Block 6, Item 25 b, c, and e. I went ahead and changed those totals and am faxing you my revised Page 5 of 7 along with this memo.

Thanks again.

Cynthia Freeman

Attachment: Page 5 of 7 of Form 471 Application #470506

Do not write in this area

Entity Number 139485 Applicant's Form Identifier 4710506
Contact Person Cynthia Freeman Phone Number 501-745-6005

Block 6: Certifications and Signature

- 24 I certify that the entities listed in Block 4 of this application are eligible for support because they are: (Check one or both.)
 - a schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), 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 schools, including, but not limited to, elementary, secondary schools, colleges, or universities.
- 25 I certify that the entity I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access, separately or through this program, to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, internal connections, maintenance, and electrical capacity, necessary to use the services purchased effectively. I recognize that some of the aforementioned resources are not eligible for support. I certify that the entities I represent or the entities listed on this application have secured access to all of the resources to pay the discounted charges for eligible services from funds to which access has been secured in the current funding year. I certify that the Billed Entity will pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the goods and services to the service provider(s).

a	Total funding year pre-discount amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 231 on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	00000000000000000000
b	Total funding commitment request amount on this Form 471 (Add the entries from Items 23K on all Block 5 Discount Funding Requests.)	00000000000000000000
c	Total applicant non-discount share (Subtract Item 25b from Item 25a.)	00000000000000000000
d	Total budgeted amount allocated to resources not eligible for E-rate support	00000000000000000000
e	Total amount necessary for the applicant to pay the non-discount share of the services requested on this application AND to secure access to the resources necessary to make effective use of the discounts. (Add Items 25c and 25d.)	00000000000000000000
f	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are receiving any of the funds in Item 25e directly from a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year, or if a service provider listed on any of the Forms 471 filed by this Billed Entity for this funding year assisted you in locating funds in Item 25e.	

- 26 I certify that all of the schools and libraries or library consortia listed in Block 4 of this application are covered by technology plans that are written, that cover all 12 months of the funding year, and that have been or will be approved by a state or other authorized body, and an SLD-certified technology plan approver, prior to the commencement of service. The plans were written at the following level(s):
 - a an individual technology plan for using the services requested in this application; and/or
 - b higher-level technology plan(s) for using the services requested in this application; or
 - c no technology plan needed; applying for basic local, cellular, PCS, and/or long distance telephone service and/or voice mail only.

(we do have a technology plan)
- 27 I certify that I posted my Form 470 and (if applicable) made my RFP available for at least 28 days before considering all bids received and selecting a service provider. I certify that all bids submitted were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected, with price being the primary factor considered, and is the most cost-effective means of meeting educational needs and technology plan goals.
- 28 I certify that the entity responsible for selecting the service provider(s) has reviewed all applicable FCC, state, and local procurement/competitive bidding requirements and that the entity or entities listed on this application have complied with them.
- 29 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, except as permitted by the Commission's rules at 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.500(k). Additionally, I certify that the Billed Entity has not received anything of value or a promise of anything of value, other than services and equipment requested under this form, from the service provider(s), or any representative or agent thereof or any consultant in connection with this request for services.
- 30 I certify that I and the entity(ies) I represent have complied with all program rules and I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in denial of discount funding and/or cancellation of funding commitments. There are signed contracts covering all of the services listed on this Form 471 except for those services provided under non-contracted tariffed or month-to-month arrangements. I acknowledge that failure to comply with program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

**FUNDING YEAR 2005 FORM 471
POSTMARKED OUTSIDE OF WINDOW**

October 21, 2005

CYNTHIA FREEMAN
CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST 1
851 YELLOWJACKET LANE
CLINTON, AR 72031-9021

Re: Applicant's Form Identifier: 4710506
Form 471 Application Number: 475637

Dear CYNTHIA FREEMAN:

We are sending this letter to thank you for your recent Form 471 application. Your Form 471 application was postmarked on 03/02/2005, which is AFTER the 2005-2006

filing window closed at 11:59 p.m. EST on Friday, February 18, 2005.

Program rules require us to hold your application pending final review of those applications that were filed within the filing window. We will post an announcement on the SLD section of the USAC web site at www.sl.universalservice.org once we determine if funding applications that were submitted within the application filing window will fully utilize all the funds available for this Funding Year.

For more information about the processing of 2005-2006 applications, about funding for applications filed after the close of the filing window or about plans for the 2006-2007 application process, please visit our web site or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and (if available) e-mail address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name,
 - BEN,
 - Application number as assigned by the SLD,
 - Name of the letter and funding year (both are located at the top of the letter),AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.

4. If you are an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by the SLD's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the web site. Click "continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by fax, fax your appeal to (973)599-6542.

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

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

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of our web site. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

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