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<TEXT> Dear FCC,

Anson County School District, NC was denied funding request No's. 1317324 and 1317636, respectively. Anson County School District filed an appeal with USAC on January 11, 2006. The appeal denial letter from USAC was dated February 10, 2006.

During the Selective Review process (Item 25) in August 2005, USAC claims Anson County Schools was not able

to demonstrate a local erate funding source for the amount requested for both FRN applications. Therefore, both applications mentioned above were denied.

Anson County School District is appealing the decision by USAC to the FCC because during the time frame in question (August 2005), the district could not have provided such data to the SLD. ERate Funding monies must come from the "local" budget, a budget that is not approved by the County Commission until October each year. In September, Anson County Schools submitted an amended preliminary budget to show proper allocation of ERate Funding Sources. The amended budget was submitted and approved by the County Commission in October 2005. Despite the approval of the "local" budget, and therefore the "local share of erate monies",

Anson County School District has been denied funding for the FRN's in question, simply because our County Commission does not approve the district's local budget until the last Monday in each month, in this case October 24, 2005.

Anson County School District requests the FCC to overturn the USAC appeal decision in support of the school district and approve the funding request number's 1317324 and 1317636.

Our small district depends on the erate program in order to supplement the educational services provided to our student body. If the FCC denies this appeal request, the only individuals that stand to suffer are the children in the classroom.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

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Anson County School District