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

January 25, 2007

RE: Appeal and Request for Review

I am requesting a review of the USAC decision for the following E-Rate application:

Applicant Name:	Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Billed Entity Number:	149436
Form 471 Application Number:	515150
Funding Request Number:	1420401
Original Appeal Correspondence Dated:	October 23, 2006
USAC Appeal Response Dated:	January 5, 2007
USAC Decision on Appeal:	Denied

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit received a Funding Commitment Decisions Letter dated October 23, 2006 in which FRN 1420401 was denied according to the following articulated reason: "30% or more of this FRN includes a request for Cellular Internet Access which is an ineligible service based on program rules." On appeal to the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD), the original denial was upheld.

This FRN sought funding for Broadband Internet Access for Allegheny Intermediate Unit (AIU) itinerant teachers and staff who do not have an office in our administrative facility. These teachers are based in school districts served by our Intermediate Unit. The school districts that we serve do not provide Internet access to our staff. Using a wireless air-card for Internet access provides the most cost effective way for our teachers to access the Internet. The FRN requested E-rate funding on the monthly subscription costs associated with the air-cards but not for the cost of the air-card devices themselves. The monthly subscription costs enable AIU professional personnel engaged in educational purposes to use their laptop computers to access the Internet in eligible locations while they provide educational services in the schools located in the AIU's service area.

For example, the AIU Non-Public School Program (NPSP) currently employs 30 teachers and 9 counselors which serve 80 different schools within Allegheny County. These itinerant staff members are assigned to between 1 - 7 schools each providing instructional services to a caseload of approximately 70 qualifying students. Laptops are assigned to all staff members for both professional and instructional purposes.

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The need for these teachers and counselors to be able to access the Internet through wireless means is critical to their successful delivery of services:

- The NPSP is currently paperless. All staff communicates daily, access and submit program required forms, complete Individual Instructional Plans, receive program updates, access information from the NPSP website, and report student data via the Internet.
- Web-server based digital teaching and learning mathematic resource licenses have been purchased and are not available unless Internet access is available with programmed laptops.
- NPSP staff is itinerant which requires our administrative office to have the ability to disseminate sensitive information in a timely manner. Hard copies delay the transfer of this information.
- Educational resources for remedial students are only accessible in schools that have computer labs; however, even when the school has the luxury of a computer lab, scheduling conflicts prohibit NPSP staff from utilizing the resources.

This is just one example of how the air-cards are used, but in all cases, they are used in eligible locations to access eligible services.

According to the information below which was taken from the Funding Year 2006 eligible services list, Broadband Internet Access is eligible for funding if it is the most cost-effective means of accessing the Internet. Wireless air-cards fall into the category of broadband Internet access. Also, since cellular service is eligible and Internet access is eligible, it makes sense that the combination of the two should also be eligible. Further, it is inconsistent for the E-rate program to allow funding of broadband wired Internet access, whereas, if the SLD's funding denial were permitted to stand, wireless broadband Internet access would be disallowed. This inconsistency violates a basic tenet of universal service programs, which is that such programs should be technologically and competitively neutral.

Broadband Internet Access (Internet Access)	Description: Broadband Internet Access provides high-speed transmission through T-1 lines, DSL, Frame Relay, cable modems, wireless facilities, or other technologies. Eligibility: Broadband Internet Access may be eligible for funding as Internet Access if that offering is the most cost-effective means of accessing the Internet.
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Thank you for your attention to this appeal. The AIU respectfully requests the FCC to reverse the SLD's denial and to approve funding of the FRN for air-cards.

Sincerely,

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Response Due Date: *June 26, 2006*

As we discussed in our conversation, we are in the process of reviewing all Funding Year 2006 Form 471 applications for schools and libraries discounts to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of the Universal Service program. I am currently in the process of reviewing your Funding Year 2006 Form 471 Application. To complete my review I need some additional information. The information needed to complete the PIA Review is listed below.

(1) For FRN 1420401, Telcomm Services, please send us an invoice, contract or quote that supports your request of \$11,998/month for Wireless air cards.

Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested **within 15 calendar days** so we can complete our review. **Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding. If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible. If you are unable to provide the requested information because your school has closed or will shortly close for summer break, let me know when you will be available to respond to these questions.**

Please advise me if the Contact Person on the application(s) has changed from that on the original application. This change must include the Form 471 application number(s) and be signed by the original application's Contact Person, the original application's Authorized Person or a school official (with name and title provided).

Should you wish to cancel this Form 471 application, or any of your individual funding requests, please clearly indicate in your response that it is your intention to cancel an application or funding request(s); along with the application number and/or funding request number(s), and the complete name, title and signature of the authorized individual.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service program.

Sincerely,

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Response to Request for Quotation

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Response to Request for Quotation includes:

- (1) Service and Equipment Quotes;
- (2) Service Rate Plans;
- (3) Calling Features;
- (4) Regulatory Surcharges and Fees;
- (5) Coverage Map; and
- (6) Equipment

1.0 Service and Equipment Quotes

Pricing provided is for Government Liability Accounts Only and is subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the General Services Administration (GSA) Federal Supply Schedule Contract No. GS-35F-0119P. Coverage, service and offers not available in all areas. Full terms and conditions, along with additional pricing plans offered by Verizon Wireless can be found on the GSAAAdvantage.gov Internet website. Prices quoted do not reflect Federal Universal Service and Regulatory Fees, charges, or pass-through assessments. Please see information on Regulatory Surcharges and Fees below for additional details.

Calling Plan

Calling Plan	Number of Lines	Number of Minutes	Monthly Charge Per User (ea.)	Total Base Monthly Charge*	Total Base Charge for One Year*
Broadband Access	200	Unlimited	\$59.99	\$11,998.00	\$143,976.00

**Charge does not include roaming charges, minutes used over allowance, etc. Please see Service Rate Plan and Calling Features below for more information.*

All quotes contained in this proposal are subject to the terms and conditions of the GSA-FSS Contract. Your account must be in good-standing with Verizon Wireless to migrate your existing lines of service to the pricing offered in this proposal if your Agency currently has service with Verizon Wireless. Price plan changes and discounts may take up to two bill cycles to appear on your Verizon Wireless billing statement for accounts transitioning to an approved Federal contract vehicle. As part of our compliance with FCC requirements, Verizon Wireless allows only GPS-compliant devices to be activated on our network. If your current device is not GPS-compliant you will not be able to activate service on our network with your existing equipment.

E-RATE PROGRAM

Verizon Wireless supports the Universal Service Fund for Schools and Libraries commonly known as "E-rate". E-rate is a federal program established as part of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The purpose of E-rate is to provide affordable access to specified telecommunications services for all communities, regardless of location or economic status. Eligible schools and libraries may receive discounts ranging from 20% to 90% of the cost of funded services. The E-rate program divides funding into three categories of services:

- Telecommunications services
- Internet access
- Internal connections

Under the E-rate program, Verizon Wireless will provide assistance for eligible wireless communications, including but not limited to an array of wireless voice and data products and services that will enable your school or library to coordinate administrative and educational needs effectively.

Verizon Wireless' SPIN number is 143000677. Please visit Verizon Wireless' website for further information regarding Verizon Wireless' E-Rate program at:

www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/aboutUs/communityservice/overview.jsp
<<http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/aboutUs/communityservice/overview.jsp>>

Equipment

Equipment	Quantity	Consumer/Retail Price (ea.)	Discounted Price (ea.)*	Promotional Offer	Discounted Price (ea.) after additional promotional offer	Total Discounted Price
VZW V620	200	\$149.99	\$0.00	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00

**All applicable discounts have already been applied.*

The prices of equipment in the attached Equipment Matrix have been discounted and are in effect through 3/31/06 for new cellular service activations and eligible equipment upgrades. Equipment purchased without service activation is not eligible for discounted pricing and will be charged full retail price. A wireless device must be in service for a minimum of 10 months to be eligible for an equipment upgrade at the discounted pricing regardless of contract vehicle chosen. If you choose to upgrade or replace equipment due to loss or theft of your device prior to completing 10 months of service, you may be charged full retail price. This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions or charges may apply. Prices are subject to change without notice and quantities may be limited. Please contact your sales representative at the time of purchase for the latest equipment pricing.

Cellular Accessories

Verizon Wireless provides a variety of accessories to compliment and enhance the usefulness of the various cellular telephone models it offers. Typically, the wireless devices are packaged with a battery, travel charger and belt clip. Other accessories, such as cigarette lighter adapters, headsets and leather cases may be available at an additional charge. **Verizon Wireless offers a flat 25% discount off of the retail price for accessories.** Such discount is subject to the terms and conditions of the Verizon Wireless Pricing and Equipment Offer in this response. Equipment pricing is subject to change and availability. For details on additional accessories available, please visit www.VerizonWireless.com.

2.0 Service Rate Plans

Activation Fees and Early Termination Fees are waived for Government Subscribers

a. Wireless Data Service Pricing Plans

BroadbandAccess/NationalAccess Calling Plans qualify for monthly access fee discounts; 19% discount has been applied and is not eligible for any further discounts.

	Broadband Access (Promotional)	NationalAccess Only	PDA/Smartphone		BlackBerry™ Solution		
Monthly Access Fee	\$59.99**	\$48.59	\$40.49	\$24.29	\$40.49	\$32.39	
Optional Feature Access Fee	N/A	N/A	\$35.99	\$19.99	\$35.99	\$27.99	
MB Allowance	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	5 MB	Unlimited	5 MB	
Overage Rate Per KB	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$0.008	n/a	\$0.008	
National-Access Roaming	\$0.002 per Kilobyte						
Home Airtime/Min. Rate	\$0.25						
Roaming Airtime/Min. Rate [†]	\$0.69						
Domestic Long Distance [†]	Included						
Monthly Access Fee	\$15.00 when added to a Voice Calling Plan with the Unlimited BlackBerry Feature or Choice Voice and Data Bundle for Business						
Monthly Access Fee	\$30.00 when added to an Unlimited BlackBerry Data Plan without a Voice Plan.						
Home Airtime Minutes	150	400	600	900	1500	2000	3000
Per Minute Rate (over allowance)	\$0.40	\$0.35	\$0.35	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.20	\$0.20
Roaming Airtime Rate [†]	Included throughout the 50 States						
Verizon Wireless Long Distance ^{†††}	Included (for Domestic calls made within the 50 States)						
NOTE: Subject to the NationalAccess/BroadbandAccess terms and conditions; additional terms and conditions apply to Unlimited, Megabyte (MB), PDA and BlackBerry Plans. BroadbandAccess is available only in specific markets; please see www.verizonwireless.com for current availability. NationalAccess is available in the National Enhanced Services rate and coverage area; see map for details. [†] Roaming, toll, and long distance charges may apply when making and receiving calls outside of the NationalAccess home airtime rate and coverage area and in CDMA countries, see International Roaming terms and conditions. Per minute roaming applies to Voice calls and Quick 2 Net. [†] Domestic long distance is included when placing calls in the America's Choice home airtime rate and coverage area. ^{†††} Long distance charges will apply when making or receiving calls outside the United States. ^{**} Promotional Broadband Access plan is available for new and existing Agency liable subscribers from September 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. The Promotional Broadband Access plan is not eligible for any additional discounts.							

3.0 Calling Features

Calling features put your wireless phone to work for you. And with all the calling features Verizon Wireless offers, you can use your wireless phone to do a lot more than talk. All of our calling plans-national, regional or local – offer you the value and convenience of these included services for no additional monthly access charge. These features may depend upon phone compatibility and digital service and may not be available in all areas.

Calling Plan Features are not eligible for any discounts

Included Features (no additional monthly fee)	Call Waiting*, Call Forwarding, Three Way Calling*, No Answer/Busy Transfer, Caller ID**, Basic Voice Mail with Message Waiting Indicator***, Basic Mobile Messenger††, and 411 ConnectSM† (Airtime and other charges may apply.)				
The following features may be added to calling plans as identified below. Unless indicated, fees are per month in addition to the calling plan monthly access fee and no further discounts apply.					
TXT Messaging & Enhanced TXT Messaging ³	\$2.99 (100 TXT msgs. included)	\$4.99 (250 TXT msgs. included)	\$7.99 (600 TXT msgs. included)	\$9.99 (1000 TXT msgs. included)	\$19.99 (2,500 TXT msgs. included)
	\$0.02 per additional inbound message / \$0.10 per additional outbound message per address				
Enhanced TXT Downloads ³	\$0.99 per Monophonic TXT Download		\$1.99 per Polyphonic or Graphic TXT Download		
Get Pix - Picture Messaging ⁴	\$2.99 (20 picture messages included)		\$4.99 (40 picture messages included)		
	\$0.25 per additional message				
Mobile Web by VZW with MSN ⁵	\$4.99				
	Note: Mobile Web by VZW with MSN may not be available in all Verizon Wireless Areas.				
	†Mobile Web by VZW with MSN is \$4.99 per month with no included text messages per month. Inbound text messages over the included number of messages per month are charged at \$0.02 per message. Outbound messages over the included number of messages per month are charged at \$0.10 per message. Most digital phones are capable of receiving text messages; however, sending messages requires a two-way SMS capable wireless phone. Message allowances may not be shared; unused messages are lost. Microsoft, Hotmail and the MSN logo are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the U.S. and/or other countries.				
	\$6.95 (100 Included Messages) / \$8.95 (200 Included Messages) / \$12.95 (600 Included Messages)				
GSM International Roaming ⁶ Global Phone	Zone 1 Countries		\$0.69/ minute		
	Zone 2 Countries		\$1.99/ minute		
¹ Only available on plans with \$39.99 or higher Access Fee, IN Calling terms and conditions apply. Calling plans with IN Calling minutes included, do not qualify for additional IN Calling minutes in this table. ² Nights and Weekends terms and conditions apply. Calling plans with Nights and Weekend minutes included, do not qualify for additional Nights and Weekend minutes in this table. ³ TXT Messaging terms and conditions apply. ⁴ Get Pix terms and conditions apply. ⁵ Mobile Web terms and conditions apply. ⁶ Global Phone terms and conditions apply and requires the Global Phone handset. Please see contact your Verizon Wireless representative for the most current offer.					

Verizon Wireless Terms and Conditions

Calling Plans and Associated Charges:

Some calling plans or monthly access fee price points may not be available in all markets. Subscriber's first partial and full month's access charges and any service activation fees are payable in advance and will not be refunded after activation of the Wireless Service. Charges, for calls that connect, begin when the "SEND" or "CONNECT" button is pressed, or upon connection to the network. On incoming calls, charges may begin prior to the phone ringing or before "SEND" is pressed to receive the call. Charges end when a call or disconnects from the network, which may be a few seconds after "END" or "DISCONNECT" button is pressed. Calls to certain fax/data modems incur charges, though it may sound as if call was unanswered. Calls to "911" and certain other emergency services are toll and airtime free however, airtime may be charged when dialing toll-free numbers. All features may not be available in all Verizon Wireless markets.

Home Airtime and Roaming: Airtime is rounded up to next full minute, allowance minutes are not transferable, and unused airtime minutes each month are lost. Automatic roaming may not be available in all areas and rates may vary. Roaming charges may be delayed to a later bill.

International Long Distance: International Long Distance is available but may be subject to a 90-day payment history with Verizon Wireless. International long distance rates will vary and do not apply for calls to Canada, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and some U.S. Protectorates, or to credit card or operator assistance calls.

Customer's Cell Phone Number and Caller ID. Verizon Wireless will assign one Mobile Telephone Number ("MTN") to each Subscriber line. Other than as required to port a MTN, Customer does not have any property right in the MTN and Verizon Wireless may change, reassign, or eliminate an MTN upon reasonable notice to Customer under certain circumstances, including fraud prevention, area code changes and regulatory or statutory law enforcement requirements.

Verizon Wireless Calling Plan Included Features

Call Waiting ^{1,6}	Three Way Calling ^{1,6}
Call Forwarding ⁶	No Answer/ Busy Transfer ⁶
Caller ID ^{2, 6}	Basic Voice Mail ^{3,6}
411 Connect ^{SM 4,6}	Basic TXT Messaging ⁵

¹Airtime charges apply to all calls simultaneously.

²When making a call, Subscriber's MTN may be displayed to the receiving party with Caller ID capable Equipment. Caller ID service may not be available outside home airtime rate and coverage areas, and may not be compatible with certain enhanced features. Caller ID can be blocked for most calls by dialing *67 before each call, or by ordering per-line call blocking where available. Calls to some numbers such as toll-free numbers cannot be blocked.

³Airtime charges apply to message retrieval.

⁴Directory assistance with automatic call completion is \$1.25 per call plus airtime charges.

⁵\$0.02 per inbound and \$0.10 per outbound message charge applies. TXT Messaging terms and conditions below apply.

⁶Feature not included on NationalAccess and BroadbandAccess Unlimited or Megabyte (MB) calling plans at no charge, but are available at the prevailing Verizon Wireless rates.

Verizon Wireless Calling Plan Optional Services

Additional fees may be required as per the individual calling plans

Push to Talk: Push to Talk capable Equipment required. **Subscribers switching to a non-Push to Talk calling plan will need to purchase or provide non-Push to Talk Equipment.** Push to Talk calls may only be made with other Verizon Wireless Push to Talk Subscribers. Push to Talk is only available within the National Enhanced Services rate and coverage area. There may be a delay from when initiating a Push to Talk call. Push to Talk calls end after 20 seconds of inactivity. Unanswered 'barge' calls to available individuals incur charges even if the individual does not respond. All calls to groups are 'barge' calls. While on a Push to Talk call, voice calls received will go directly to voicemail. While on a voice call Push to Talk calls cannot be received. When updated network registration information is being sent to your phone, you incoming voice calls will go directly to voice mail. Other Verizon Wireless Push to Talk Subscribers cannot be prevented from entering your MTN into their Push to Talk contact lists. MTNs cannot be blocked from Caller ID when making a Push to Talk call. Only one person can speak at a time during Push to Talk calls.

IN Calling: IN Calling minutes apply when making calls directly to or receiving calls directly from another Verizon Wireless Subscriber while in the America's Choice Home Rate and Coverage area. With Local Digital Choice Calling Plans IN calls must originate and terminate while both Verizon Wireless Subscribers are within the same local IN Calling area. Phone may not accurately display Caller ID and roaming indication. Not available with fixed wireless devices with usage substantially from a single cell site. IN Calling is not available to Subscribers whose current wireless exchanges restrict the delivery of Caller ID. IN Calling minutes will be applied before home airtime minutes.*

Night and Weekends: Applies to calls made in a calling plan's home airtime area only during the following hours: 9:01 pm Friday through 5:59am Monday and 9:01pm-5:59am Monday through Friday. *

*NOTE: If both Night and Weekend and IN Calling minute allowances apply to a given call, the minutes will decrement from the IN Calling allowance before the Night and Weekend allowance. However, if either allowance is unlimited, that allowance will always apply first.

TXT Messaging: TXT Messaging includes Short Message Service (SMS up to 160 characters) and Enhanced TXT Messaging (EMS up to 1120 characters). Enhanced TXT Messages sent to most SMS handsets will be delivered as multiple TXT messages of up to 160 characters each. Subscribers have the option to have text messages disabled entirely without affecting voicemail or other related services. TXT Messaging plans do not include Operator Assisted Messaging. Verizon Wireless is not responsible for information sent using TXT Messaging or Enhanced TXT Messaging. Verizon Wireless cannot guarantee that messages will be received and is not responsible for messages that are lost or misdirected. Messages not delivered after 5 days are automatically deleted. Airtime charges do not apply to the sending or receiving of text messages. When sending messages from a phone, the sender's telephone number will always be sent to the destination, even if Caller ID is used to block voice calls.

Get Pix - Multi-Media Messaging (MMS):

Multi-Media Messaging (MMS) includes Picture and Video messaging. In addition to MMS charges, sending, receiving and uploading MMS, which is only available within the National Enhanced Services Rate and Coverage Area, uses (i) airtime that will deduct from the calling plan home airtime allowance or (ii) kilobytes that will deduct from your kilobyte allowance if you subscribe to a NationalAccess Megabyte Plan. Canceling an MMS after pressing SEND may result in sent messages that contain only partial content. You will be charged for MMS sent from your phone, even if not received by the intended recipient, or even if only partial content is delivered, but you will not be charged for MMS sent to your phone unless received. MMS that cannot be delivered within 5 days will be deleted. MMS is not available for use with a Mobile Office Kit. Camera phones are prohibited in some places. You are solely responsible for complying with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies regarding camera phone use.

Mobile Web by VZW with MSN: Airtime charges apply when using Mobile Web. Mobile Web Alerts are sent as TXT Messages and are subject to TXT Messaging pricing and terms and conditions. Complete terms and conditions for Mobile Web by VZW with MSN may be found at verizonwireless.com

GSM International Roaming (Global Phone):

CDMA/GSM Global Phone, activated in the US, with compatible Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card required. Airtime may be rounded-up differently from country to country. Availability of calling features and text messaging varies by country and network. Existing Subscribers who purchase a Global Phone must set up a new voice mailbox and will lose access to previously stored messages upon activation of Global Phone. Voice mail messages will be time-stamped Eastern Time. Calls to voice mail will appear on the bill as calls to the Subscriber's mobile telephone number. Actual availability of service in foreign countries may vary and is subject to change. Taxes and other regulatory surcharges may apply and may vary by country. International long distance per-minute rates apply in addition to airtime rates on incoming calls and voice mail messages and, when roaming in GSM mode, on voice mail retrievals. By using global phone outside the United States, Customer is solely responsible for complying with all applicable foreign laws, rules and regulations ("Foreign Laws"), including Foreign Laws regarding use of wireless phones while driving and use of wireless camera phones. Verizon Wireless is not liable for any damages that result from Customer's failure to comply with Foreign Laws.

Roaming in CDMA countries outside of the US:

Roaming in these territories will only be available in "CDMA" mode where service is available. An update to the Global Phone software is required to roam in S. Korea. **Roaming in GSM countries:** Rates, terms and conditions apply only when roaming on participating GSM networks in published Global Phone countries. Service may be available in additional countries, but airtime rates, availability of calling features, and ability to receive incoming calls (including return calls from emergency services personnel) may be restricted. See verizonwireless.com for Zone 1 and Zone 2 countries, coverage and airtime rates. Service in certain countries may be blocked without prior notice. Where text messaging is available, Customer will be charged \$0.50 for each message sent and \$0.05 for each message received. TXT messages cannot exceed 140 characters and may be sent only to MTNs of: (i) Verizon Wireless customers, and (ii) customers of foreign wireless carriers that participate in international text messaging. Check www.vtext.com for the most current list of participating foreign carriers. TXT messages cannot be sent to email addresses.

NationalAccess data sessions require a NationalAccess capable PC Card, PDA, BlackBerry or handset with its compatible Mobile Office Kit and must be placed within NationalAccess service area. BroadbandAccess data sessions require BroadbandAccess capable Equipment and must be placed within BroadbandAccess service areas. For current NationalAccess and BroadbandAccess service areas, please visit www.verizonwireless.com. A data session is inactive when no data is being transferred, and may seem inactive while data is actively being transferred to a device, or seem active when actually cached and not transferring data. Subscriber MUST press "END" or "DISCONNECT" to ensure that session disconnects and charges cease, otherwise data sessions may automatically reinitiate without pressing "SEND" or "Connect". Monthly allowances apply only to NationalAccess/BroadbandAccess data transmissions, not to voice or other types of data transmission such as TXT Messaging and Mobile Web. Voice calls are possible when NationalAccess data session is inactive, however, charges apply simultaneously for the voice call in accordance with the Calling Plan. Voice calls are not available with BroadbandAccess. Customer must maintain virus protection when accessing the service and is responsible for all data sent and received including "overhead" (data that is in addition to user-transmitted data, including control, operational and routing instructions, error-checking characters as well as retransmissions of user-data messages that are received in error) whether or not such data is actually received. Verizon Wireless will not be liable for problems receiving Service that result from Customer's device.

Unlimited NationalAccess/BroadbandAccess Plans: Unlimited NationalAccess/BroadbandAccess plans cannot be used (1) for uploading, downloading or streaming of movies, music or games, (2) with server devices or with host computer applications other than the BlackBerry Enterprise Server, including, without limitation, Web camera posts or broadcasts, continuous jpeg file transfers, automatic data feeds, telemetry applications, automated functions or any other machine-to-machine applications, (3) as substitute or backup for private lines or dedicated data connections. Unlimited BroadbandAccess and NationalAccess data sessions automatically terminate after 2 hours of inactivity, unless Subscriber has a Mobile IP (MIP) capable device.

Megabyte (MB) Data Plans: Megabyte NationalAccess data sessions need to be reinitiated after 24 hours. NationalAccess data usage is rounded to next full kilobyte at end of each billing cycle. Any unused portion of the megabyte allowance is lost. Equipment will not indicate kilobyte usage.

NationalAccess (Minutes of Use) Plans: NationalAccess (Minutes of Use) Plan data sessions automatically terminate after five (5) minutes of inactivity unless Subscriber has a Mobile IP (MIP) capable device. During data session, when traveling outside the NationalAccess area or connection is otherwise unavailable, and continuing with session after returning within five (5) minutes, the entire length of the data session will be billed. 777-000-0001 will be shown in dialed digits column of bill for NationalAccess data sessions.

BlackBerry Subscribers: Some BlackBerry features require the use of BlackBerry Desktop Software utilizing desktop redirector and/or the BlackBerry Enterprise Server (BES). Voice calls cannot be received when an e-mail or other data transmission is occurring. If Equipment is turned off or if the Subscriber travels outside of the NationalAccess service area, e-mail messages will be automatically stored for up to seven days and forwarded when the Subscriber returns to the NationalAccess service area. E-mails received display only the first 2 kilobytes of information. Additional 2 kilobyte increments are delivered at the Subscriber's request. Receiving e-mail attachments and graphics may be limited based on the BlackBerry model or software.

PDA/Smartphone: NationalAccess capable PDA/Smartphone required. Not available for NationalAccess capable PC cards or for other wireless modems such as mobile devices tethered to the PC. In order to use the PDA/Smartphone over the air email applications, Subscriber's PC must be powered on and able to receive e-mail.

NationalAccess Roaming Feature: Not for use with Mobile Office Kits. Dynamic IP addresses will be assigned when roaming. Usage rounded up to next full kilobyte. For information on where NationalAccess Roaming is available, see www.verizonwireless.com.

4.0 Regulatory Surcharges and Fees

Verizon Wireless will bill and collect governmental surcharges and fees that we are required by law to bill to customers. These surcharges and fees may change from time to time without notice.

Verizon Wireless cannot provide a comprehensive list of all regulatory fees required and assessed when using a wireless device. However, listed below are some of the most common charges and fees that may apply.

1. Federal Excise,
2. Federal Universal Service,
3. 911 (varies by Jurisdiction),

In addition to surcharges and fees that we are required to collect, we will also collect charges to recover or help defray costs of taxes and governmental surcharges and fees imposed on us, and costs associated with governmental regulations and mandates on our business. These charges include, among others, a Regulatory Charge and a Federal Universal Service Charge, and are described below in more detail. These charges are Verizon Wireless charges, not taxes, and are subject to change. Because these charges are not taxes, your tax exemptions, if any, will not apply to these charges.

Federal Universal Service Charge

Wireless carriers are assessed by the Federal Government to fund the delivery of universally-affordable telecommunications and information services under the federal Universal Service Fund program (FUSF).

The Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC) is a percentage of the customer's applicable monthly wireless service charges based upon an assessment rate that changes quarterly. The rate for the quarter beginning **January 1, 2006 is 2.31%** of the following items:

- Cellular Access (only on first 79% of this item)
- VZW Toll
- Roaming Charges
- Activation Charges
- Re-connect fees
- Landline Connect Fee
- TXT Messaging monthly service
- TXT Messaging usage
- Airtime usage
- IN-Network feature
- Night and weekends feature
- Toll free feature
- Toll USA-Canada

The quarterly percentage rate described above for the FUSC is applied in all our billing systems except for the PRISM and HO (now Verizon) billing systems, which may charge at a rate different from the quarterly rate described above. Customers who are located in former Price Communications or AirTouch Cellular properties may be billed on the PRISM or HO billing systems at a different rate. If you believe that your company may be impacted, please contact your account manager for further information.

Regulatory Charge

The FCC assesses wireless carriers the costs of enforcement, policy and rulemaking. The Regulatory Fee recovers Verizon Wireless' share of these costs, as well as some of the costs of implementing regulatory mandates, such as number portability. The Regulatory Charge is a flat charge of \$0.05 per Mobile Telephone Number (MTN) per month, but is subject to change over time.

In most billing systems, both the Regulatory Charge and the FUSC are included in the "Verizon Wireless Surcharges" section of the bill.

Regulatory fees impacting the wireless industry are constantly evolving and are subject to change without notice. For more information you can visit the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov.

6.0 Equipment

The equipment pricing in the Government Equipment Matrix below is available to the Government Subscribers and is subject to the terms, provisions and conditions of the GSA Federal Supply Schedule Contract No. GS-35F-0119P. Full terms and conditions, along with additional pricing plans offered by Verizon Wireless can be found on the GSAAAdvantage.gov Internet website. The prices of equipment in the attached Equipment Matrix have been discounted and are in effect through 3/31/06 for new cellular service activations and eligible equipment upgrades. Equipment purchased without service activation is not eligible for discounted pricing and will be charged full retail price. A wireless device must be in service for a minimum of 10 months to be eligible for an equipment upgrade at the discounted pricing regardless of contract vehicle chosen. If you choose to upgrade or replace equipment due to loss or theft of your device prior to completing 10 months of service, you may be charged full retail price. This offer cannot be combined with any other offer. Other restrictions or charges may apply. Prices are subject to change without notice and quantities may be limited. Please contact your sales representative at the time of purchase for the latest equipment pricing. Verizon Wireless reserves the right to disconnect cellular service in the event a number is disconnected from one wireless device and then reconnected on a new wireless device as a means to circumvent the 10 month upgrade policy.

LG VX3300 	VZW PN-215 	Nokia 2128 	VZW PC5740 	Motorola T300p 	VZW V620 	Samsung a630 	LG VX5200 	Motorola 276 
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Kyocera KX444 	Nokia 6236i 	LG VX4650 	Kyocera KPC650 	Samsung N330 	Motorola V325 	Samsung a850 	LG VX6100 	LG VX4700 
\$0	\$19.99	\$19.99	\$19.99	\$19.99	\$29.99	\$49.99	\$49.99	\$49.99
Motorola e815 	LG VX8100 	RIM BlackBerry 7130 	RIM BlackBerry 7250 	VZW U630 	Motorola RAZR V3C 	Samsung A950 	Sierra Wireless AC580 	Sierra Wireless AC555 
\$49.99	\$99.99	\$129.99	\$129.99	\$129.99	\$149.99	\$199.99	\$239.99	\$239.99
Land Cellular 819s 	LG VX9800 	Samsung A970 	Samsung a790/a795 	Airlink Redwing 	PalmOne Treo650* 	Land Cellular 819i 	Motorola a840 	VZW XV6700 (Avail 1/5) 
\$239.99	\$249.99	\$249.99	\$289.99	\$299.99	\$299.99	\$319.99	\$339.99	\$349.99
Land Cellular 820 	Airlink Raven 	Palm Treo 700W (Avail 1/5) 	Fleet Admin. 	Samsung I830 (Avail 1/10) 	Airlink PinPoint 	Sierra MP555 		
\$359.99	\$439.99	\$449.99	\$499.99	\$539.99	\$569.99	\$739.99		

Government Liability Accounts Only!

Subject to terms, provisions and conditions of the GSA's Federal Supply Schedule Contract #GS-35F-0119P and Calling Plan. Our Surcharges (incl. 2.31% Federal Universal Service (varies quarterly), 5¢ Regulatory/line/mo., & others by area) are not taxes; taxes apply. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Coverage, service and offers not available in all areas. Government Agencies must have a service activation contract (purchase order) with Verizon Wireless to be eligible for equipment pricing. Please contact your sales representative at the time of purchase for the latest equipment pricing. These equipment prices are valid through 03/31/06. Prices are subject to change without notice and quantities may be limited. Other restrictions or charges may apply. All products or service names are property of their respective owners. © 2005 Verizon Wireless (010306)



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2006: 07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007)

October 17, 2006

Joe Schwoebel
ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
475 EAST WATERFRONT DRIVE
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 515150
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 149436
Billed Entity FCC RN: 0011701786
Applicant's Form Identifier: 471 Wireless Cards

Thank you for your Funding Year 2006 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$115,180.80 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file Form 486 (Receipt of Service Confirmation Form). A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report precedes the Report.

A list of Important Reminders and Deadlines is included with this letter to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full
- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice USAC using the Form 474 (service provider) or Form 472 (Billed Entity) - as products and services are being delivered and billed

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of 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) email 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 letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 - Form 471 Application Number 515150 as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2006," 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 the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

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

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902
Whippany, New Jersey 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with USAC 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 by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of 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 website. 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.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

An applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

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A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each funding request in your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by USAC.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by USAC to each Block 5 of your Form 471. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following statuses:

1. "Funded" - the FRN is approved for support. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless USAC determined during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. "Not Funded" - the FRN is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for the Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. "As Yet Unfunded" - a temporary status assigned to an FRN when USAC is uncertain at the time the letter is sent about whether sufficient funds exist to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections Other than Basic Maintenance or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and with an "As Yet Unfunded" status on your Internal Connections requests. You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decisions on your Internal Connections requests.

CATEGORY OF SERVICE: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

FORM 470 APPLICATION NUMBER: The Form 470 Application Number associated with this FRN from Block 5, Item 12 of the Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by USAC to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund Programs. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider, if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes, if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The Service Start Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 19 of your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The Contract Expiration Date for this FRN from Block 5, Item 20b of your Form 471, if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a for "site specific" FRNs only.

NUMBER OF MONTHS RECURRING SERVICE PROVIDED IN FUNDING YEAR: The number of months of service that has been approved for the funding year, for recurring services.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY USAC: The discount rate that USAC approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: The total amount of funding that USAC has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that both you and your service provider recognize that USAC should be invoiced and that disbursement of funds will be made only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FCDL DATE: The date of this Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL).

WAVE NUMBER: The wave number assigned to FCDLs issued on this date.

LAST ALLOWABLE DATE FOR DELIVERY AND INSTALLATION FOR NON-RECURRING SERVICES: The last date approved by the FCC for delivery and installation of eligible non-recurring services (e.g., equipment). (The last allowable date for delivery and installation of recurring services is always the last day of the fund year, that is, June 30, 2007 for Funding Year 2006.)

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
BEN: 149436
Funding Year: 2006

Form 471 Application Number: 515150
Funding Request Number: 1420401
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Telecommunications Service
Form 470 Application Number: 54650000551652
SPIN: 143000677
Service Provider Name: Verizon Wireless
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: N/A
Service Start Date: 07/01/2006
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2007
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$143,976.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$143,976.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: N/A
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Inel. svcs./ or product(s)
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for Cellular Internet Access which is an ineligible service based on program rules.
FCDL Date: 10/17/2006
Wave Number: 026
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2007

IMPORTANT REMINDERS & DEADLINES

Form 471 Application Number: 515150
Billed Entity Number: 149436
Name of Billed Entity: ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT

YOUR NEXT STEPS IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS: Following are steps to assist you through the application process. Web page URLs are included to facilitate access to additional information on USAC's website.

REVIEW TECHNOLOGY PLANNING REQUIREMENTS - Program rules require a technology plan based on an assessment of needs and that those plans be approved before the start of services. See "Develop a Technology Plan" at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step02/> for information about technology plan requirements and approvals.

REVIEW CHILDREN'S INTERNET PROTECTION ACT (CIPA) REQUIREMENTS - CIPA compliance is required for requests for Internet Access, Internal Connections and Basic Maintenance discounts. For information about CIPA requirements and certifications, see "Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)" at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step10/cipa.aspx> for information about CIPA and its requirements.

FILE FORM 486 - You must notify USAC of the start of service, the name of your USAC-certified technology plan approver and your compliance with CIPA on Form 486. See "Begin Receipt of Services" on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step10/>.

FORM 486 DEADLINE - The Form 486 must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the Service Start Date featured in the Form 486 Notification Letter or no later than 120 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter, whichever is later. Use the "Deadlines" calculator on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/deadlines> to calculate your Form 486 deadline.

INVOICE USAC - After eligible services have been delivered, invoice USAC to request reimbursement of approved discounts. For information about requesting reimbursement from USAC, see "Invoice USAC" on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step11/>.

INVOICE DEADLINE - Invoices must be postmarked no later than 120 days after the last date to receive service - including extensions - or 120 days after the date of the Form 486 Notification Letter, whichever is later. Use the "Deadlines" calculator on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/deadlines> to calculate your invoice deadline.

DOCUMENT RETENTION - Documents related to the receipt of discounts must be retained for at least five years after the last day of service delivered. For more information, see "Document Retention Requirements" on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/about/document-retention-requirements/default.aspx>.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION/FREE SERVICES ADVISORY - Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services. Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. For further information, see "Obligation to Pay Non-Discount Portion" on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step11/obligation-to-pay.aspx> and "Free Services Advisory" at <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step06/free-services-advisory.aspx>.

SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT - Persons who have been convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for certain acts arising from their participation in the Schools and Libraries Program are subject to suspension and debarment from the program. More information and a current list of persons who have been suspended or debarred is posted in "Suspensions and Debarments" on our website at <http://www.usac.org/sl/about/suspensions-debarments.aspx>.

COMPLETE PROGRAM INFORMATION - including more information on these reminders - is posted to the Schools and Libraries area of USAC's website at www.usac.org/sl. You may also contact our Client Service Bureau using the "Submit a Question" link on our website, toll-free by fax at 1-888-276-8736 or toll-free by phone at 1-888-203-8100.

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TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

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Johnston, Roseanne

From: Johnston, Roseanne
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2006 12:45 PM
To: 'appeals@sl.universalservice.org'
Subject: APPEAL - Application Number 515150 Verizon Wireless Air Cards
Attachments: FCDL - Wireless Cards.PDF

This letter is an appeal. The FCDL being appealed is attached.

Contact Information

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Appellant/Applicant Name: Allegheny Intermediate Unit
Billed Entity Number: 149436
Form 471 Application Number: 515150
Service Provider: Verizon Wireless
SPIN: 143000677

Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Ineligible services or products.
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: 30% or more of the FRN includes a request for Cellular Internet Access which is an ineligible service based on program rules.

This application is for Verizon Wireless Air Cards that provide broadband Internet access. In the cases where this technology offering is used, it is the most cost effective means of accessing the Internet.

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Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2006-2007

December 14, 2006

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Re: Applicant Name: ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE UNIT
Billed Entity Number: 149436
Form 471 Application Number: 515150
Funding Request Number(s): 1420401
Your Correspondence Dated: October 23, 2006

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 USAC's Funding Year 2006 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC'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): 1420401
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- Upon thorough review of the appeal letter and the relevant documentation, USAC has reviewed and assessed your appeal. USAC determined that this funding request was properly evaluated. The FRN was denied because 30% or more of this FRN includes a request for Cellular Internet Service, which is an ineligible service based on program rules. The online Item 21 attachment and the quote sent by the applicant to USAC on July 14, 2006 identified wireless air cards for Internet/Broadband Access, which is 100% of the total funding request. FCC rules require that if 30% or more of an applicant's funding request includes ineligible product(s)/service(s), the funding request must be denied. Consequently, the appeal is denied.

- Your Form 471 application included costs for the following ineligible products and/or services: wireless air cards for Internet Access. FCC Rules provide that funding may be approved only for eligible products and services. 47 C.F.R. secs. 54.502, 54.503. The USAC website contains a list of eligible products and services. See the website, www.usac.org/sl, Eligible Services List. FCC Rules further require that if 30% or more of the applicant's funding request includes ineligible products and/or services, then the funding request must be denied, otherwise the funding request will be reduced accordingly. 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.504(d).

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC 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 section of the USAC website 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.

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