

CENTER POINT-URBANA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Dear USAC:

I am appealing to you to fund the E-Rate application filed outside the 06-07 filing window for Center Point-Urbana Schools (Entity 132522). The Application Number at stake is: 538400.

My appeal for a waiver of the Form 471 deadline was rejected by USAC on Jan. 4, 2007 with directions to appeal directly to the FCC because my appeal was not filed within 60 days of the *Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window Letter* issue date. I did not file this appeal within 60 days because I was given inaccurate advice from the Schools and Libraries support line. I called the Schools and Libraries support line as soon as I realized that my Form 471 was filed one day late. I was told that it wasn't a problem because my application was for high priority telecommunications and Internet items which would be funded *prior to Internal Connection applications* and that no further action was necessary—don't worry about it.

I realized that this information was problematic when I noticed on the USAC website that Internal Connections for 06-07 were being considered for funding. I contacted your support line and was told that the information I was given in February was wrong and that I would have to wait until all applications filed within the window were funded. I realize this means there is little chance of our \$2,000 being funded given the significant costs of Internal Connections.

I filed my school district's 471 applications one day late because my father, Alvin R. Sunseri, passed away that month after a long illness. As the executor of his estate I was tied up in duties that were made more complicated because I had to travel 2000 miles away to take care of things. There is no one else in my school district to do my job when I am away and I ended up scrambling to get things done when I got back to work.

My school district has been an ethical and prompt participant in USF from its inception. Losing funding is a hardship. I was under considerable duress at the time the deadline came up and was given wrong information about the funding procedure when I called USF for advice.

Please consider funding our telecommunications and Internet applications for the 06-07 school years. Thank you.

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