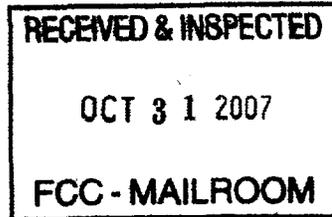


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Re: CC Docket No. 02-6
Verona Board of Education Appeal
Billed Entity Number 124758
471 Application Number 420500
Funding Request Number 1158878
Invoice Number 545426

CC: 02-6

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Verona Board of Education, Thomas Communications & Technologies, LLC (TCT) hereby appeals the Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request dated August 27, 2007 for 471 Application 420500 Funding Request Number (FRN) 1158878. The explanation of the decision states "Invoice Deadline Extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service delivery date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension in a timely manner." We would like to request a waiver of this request.

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According to the SLD, a check was issued to the Service Provider in April 2005 for this FRN. However the Service Provider has no record of receiving the check. Therefore the check was never forwarded to Verona Board of Education. At the direction of the SLD Disbursements Department, TC&T requested in invoice extension in order to submit a new BEAR Form to the SLD. The SLD rejected our request on June 11, 2007. We appealed the decision on August 7, 2007. The SLD rejected our appeal on August 27, 2007.

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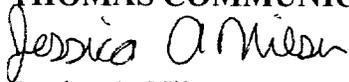
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transmission of the check between the SLD and the Service Provider. In this situation, the reimbursement appears to have honestly been lost between the SLD and the Service Provider. It took some time to determine the status of the check, and it was well after the deadline before we could verify that the check had been lost. The Verona Board of Education should not be forced to forfeit their reimbursement due to a process that they have no control over. Please grant this appeal and allow the BEAR Form to be resubmitted.

Sincerely,
THOMAS COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGIES, LLC



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Re: Your appeal of the denial of your invoice deadline extension request

471 Application Number: 420500
Funding Request Number(s) 1158878
Correspondence Dated: August 7, 2007

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal.

Funding Request Number(s): 1158878
Decision on Appeal: **Denied in Full**
Explanation:

Current deadline guidelines and procedures do not allow approval for the reason submitted. Invoice Deadline Extension requests should be filed by the end of the relevant invoice receipt period for the service category of the FRN requiring an extension (120 days after the end of the service delivery date). You did not demonstrate in your appeal that you filed an extension request in a timely manner. Therefore, the appeal is denied.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, 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 above 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 USAC/Schools and Libraries web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

Thank your for your continued support of and participation in the E-rate program.

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