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April 21, 2008

**CC: 02-6**

Applicant Name: WESTERN WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Billed Entity Number: 125987  
Dorm 471 Application Number: 575894  
Funding Request Number: 1592882  
Funding Year 2007 Request

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter of appeal is being filed in accordance with the instructions provided in the Funding Commitment Decision letter – on Appeal-funding Year 2007-2008 dated March 07, 2008.

I will attempt to clarify information previously submitted to USAC regarding the Appeal for FRN: 1592882. Several areas need to be addressed to simplify the situation.

1. In our PIA review, I believe question # 8, was answered incorrectly on our part: The review states:

*“ Are there any contractual, technical, or other limitations between you and the service provider that states that the equipment is exclusively for your use and not to be shared with other customers?”*

**We answered YES here, it should have been NO.**

I am attaching a copy of a letter from Adams Cable stating this equipment CAN BE in service if needed.

2. We had a personnel change here as of September 30, 2007. Thomas Baileys, Technology Director left our employment. In the past he was the District representative who handled all the Erate funding for our District. I have taken over this task entirely since Mr. Baileys departure.

3. I am requesting a Waiver that states the “Services have to be provided by an Eligible Telecom Provider”

4. After further review of this incident I realize the wrong category was used in the original 470 request ~ Adams Cable should have been recorded under Internet Access.

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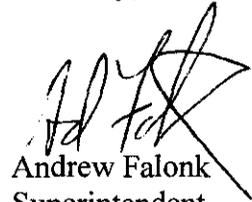
Adams Cable, Carbondale, PA has been operating in our community for more than 30 years, providing internet services in our rural Wayne County for more than 10 years. In the past they have provided us with lit fiber between all our buildings , the circuit rated for 1 Gigabit per second of Ethernet Traffic. This circuit originates in our HS to a Cisco 3750 switch allowing fiber connections to other buildings in our School District. The Cisco 3750 has the capacity and capability of having other connections as deemed necessary by Adams Cable. I am attaching a letter from Adams Cable regarding this issue.

In our rural setting Southern Wayne County setting Adams provides a very necessary service at a low cost to the District allowing us to have an excellent backbone for Ethernet connectivity. Adams provides lit fiber only, we use Verizon for our Internet Service Provider. This fiber is essential to the education of our students providing them with excellent quality technology resources to enrich their classroom environment.

We recently were awarded a grant for funds for Classrooms for the Future, a Pennsylvania state initiative changing the methods teachers use to teach and students learn. We purchased 300 laptops and 18 Interactive Promethean Boards creating 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms in our High School. Our teachers and staff have seen a transformation in many classes as the students use technology that challenges them. We are strongly committed to educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, research, innovation and communication .

I would ask that the decision to deny funding be reconsidered based on the information provided above. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Andrew Falonk  
Superintendent  
Western Wayne School District



Susan Thivierge  
Technology Coordinator - ERATE Coordinator  
Western Wayne School District

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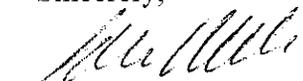
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March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008

**Clarification of  
Leased fiber optic circuits proposal.  
Maintenance of fiber circuits.**

- The circuit will be rated for 1 Gigabit per second Ethernet traffic.
- Each circuit will be individual from the High School to the other four locations.
- The circuit will be private and secure; it is for the District's exclusive use. This does not preclude Adams from using or leasing other available portions, bandwidths, or wavelengths of said fiber circuit.

Sincerely,



John Wallis  
Adams Cable Service