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Request for Waiver
Of Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request by Schools and Libraries
Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company for
Broome-Tioga BOCES Billed Entity Number 124758

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The Thomas Group hereby appeals the Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request of behalf of Broome-Tioga BOCES for the following FRN:

Funding Year 2006
Applicant: Broome-Tioga BOCES
BEN: 124758
Vendor: Citizens Telecommunications Company of NY, SPIN 143001356
471 Application #529485
FRN: 1460625

The applicant's internal budgeting procedures require the account associated with this FRN to be split into two pieces. Unfortunately we only indicated half of the invoice amount when we completed the Form 472 Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement Form for reimbursement.

We submitted a deadline extension request to the SLD when we realized our error. The SLD denied our request in an Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request dated August 22, 2008 stating that the requested was not submitted prior to "the end of the relevant invoice receipt period." Therefore we would like to request a waiver of the invoicing deadline.

Please grant our request so that we may resubmit a Form 472 and correct the clerical error that we made. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Thomas Group



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Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request

August 22, 2008

Jessica A. Nilsen
Thomas Communications & Technologies
217 Montgomery Street, 6th Floor
Syracuse, NY 13202

RE: Broome-Tioga BOCES

RE: SLD Invoice #:	N/A	BEAR or SPI:	N/A
		Invoice Date:	N/A

SLD Line(s) #:	N/A
Vendor invoice #:	N/A
471 Application Number:	529485
Funding Request Number(s):	1460625
Your Correspondence Dated:	July 29, 2008

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 invoice deadline extension request for the invoice number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD'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 request included more than one invoice number, please note that for each invoice for which an invoice deadline extension request was submitted, a separate letter is being sent.

Invoice Number: N/A	Line(s): N/A
Decision on Request:	Denied

Explanation: Current guidelines and procedures require Invoice Deadline Extension requests to 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). The extension request was not filed in a timely manner, so it is denied.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD 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 e-mail 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 decision letter and the decision you are appealing:
 - appellant name,
 - applicant or service provider name,
 - BEN and/or SPIN,
 - Form 471 and FRN
 - invoice number as assigned by the SLD,
 - "Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension Request" dated 08/22/2008 **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 an applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by the SLD's decision. If you are a service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant affected by the SLD's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

To submit your appeal to the SLD by e-mail, use the "Submit a Question" feature on the web site at www.usac.org/sl/. Click "Continue," choose "Appeals" from the Topics Inquiry on the lower portion of your screen, and click "Go" to begin your appeal submission. The system will prompt you through the process. The SLD will automatically reply to incoming e-mails to confirm receipt.

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

To submit your appeal to the SLD on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division
100 South Jefferson Road
P.O. Box 902

Whippany, NJ 07981

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD 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 web site. 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.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

cc: Lisa Lay, Citizens Telecommunications Company of NY, Inc.