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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Room 5B 551
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Docket No. 02-6*
Request for Review - SLD Case #21-209216
SLD - 486474

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Mr. Mark Nadel of your office requested that we provide evidence of our efforts to obtain best prices for the services that E-Rate discounts cover during fiscal year 2005-06.

Our vendors at that time were NexTel Communications, AT&T Government Services, and Southern Westchester BOCES. Of the total paid in 2005-06 to these vendors, 79% was paid to Southern Westchester BOCES. Southern Westchester BOCES is a consortium of school districts established to obtain economies of scale, ultimately reducing the school districts' costs. There are no other vendors we could have applied to who would provide us with lower costs for these services.

NexTel and AT&T Government Services have continued to be reliable vendors, supplying us with the good quality services we needed at reasonable prices. They have very few competitors, and as they represented only a small portion of the total paid to all three vendors, we did not feel it to be the most beneficial expenditure of our time to pursue the minimal difference in these vendor costs.

We continue to feel that we had applied for E-Rate discounts correctly by following the procedures to file our E-Rate application on time, and that our application should be approved.

Thank you for your inquiry and consideration of this matter. I hope this has been helpful.

Sincerely,

Linda Carpenter
Executive Director of Finance and Operations

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