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**November 28, 2010**

**Letter of Appeal**  
**Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary**  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
**Office of the Secretary**  
**445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW**  
**Washington, DC 20554**

**Reference: CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6**

**Request for Review in reference Funding Request Number 1613628**

The Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation provided in the Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for FRN 1613628 states:

*After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that funds were improperly disbursed on this funding request. During the course of an audit it was determined that the equipment for which you requested discounts in your funding request has not been utilized in accordance with program rules. FCC rules require that applicants have secured all the necessary resources to make effective use of the equipment and that the equipment is used for an educational purpose. During the audit review it was determined that a post discount amount of \$388.00 in equipment was held in storage after the allowable time frame for installation. Since a review has revealed that equipment has not be utilized according to program rules, USAC must seek recovery of all funds improperly disbursed that are associated with the equipment not being utilized. Accordingly, USAC is seeking recovery of \$388.00 which was improperly disbursed.*

During the installation process of the wireless access points covered under this application, district network support personnel determined they would test the initial configuration while leaving one access point out with the intent of placing that unit when a final determination was made where the need for the unit would be greatest. Such tests are best with wireless networks when the locations of intended use are fully occupied. The unit in question was returned to the Technology Support Center and placed on a shelf. Due to oversight, the unit was forgotten and not placed into service as intended. It has since been put into service. While a small percentage of the equipment in this case was not installed within USAC sanctioned timelines, it was installed and is being used to provide educational benefits to the students as per the Erate program. There was never any intent to circumvent or defraud the program in any way. Procedures have been implemented to assure that all network hardware will be put into service in a timely manner. All district technology support staff have received additional training covering Erate requirements.

We urge you to reconsider the decision made in this case.

Sincerely,

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