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Lick Creek Community Consolidated School

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March 4, 2012

Attention: Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

LETTER OF APPEAL
CC Docket No. 02-6

RE: Lick Creek C.C.S.D. #16

Service Providers: Verizon Wireless, Frontier North, Inc.

Form 471 Application Number: 777877

Billed Entity Number (BEN) : 73459

SPIN number(s): 143000677, 143004791

Billed Entity FCC RN: 0011873502

Applicant's Form Identifier: 201147ILCS

Ms. Dortch,

Having received a denial for funding from USAC on January 31, 2012, as Superintendent of Lick Creek C.C.S.D. #16, we wish to appeal the denial of "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2011."

On December 12, 2011 I received a letter from Matt Byrnes stating our Item 21 had not been received and that due to it being a FCC Form 471 requirement, one completed, but I later learned this was not allowed as the deadline had expired. His letter stated that we had until December 20, 2011.

Lick Creek C.C.S.D. #16 is a small rural school located in Union County and has an enrollment of 115 students K-8. We have made great strides this past year in advancing our technology

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program and rely heavily on USAC funds to enhance and add to our ongoing needs. Being such a small school with a large low-income population, I serve multiple positions: Superintendent, Principal, Technology Director and Transportation Director (and anything else I need to be).

Our regional tech person does not aggressively keep us informed of deadlines and doesn't explain things well, so I missed the deadline to file the Item 21. Just prior to that time my secretary suddenly resigned after serving 17 years, severely crippling me. Since September of 2011 I have had the misfortune of suspected asbestos claims being filed against us as well as attempting to keep up with an ongoing feasibility study on consolidation with (2) grade schools and a high school. That time consuming issue ended this past Monday in it being grounded by its proponents.

I called USAC and spoke to Sherry (case # 22-303000 and she stated that all it appeared I needed to do was send Mr. Byrnes a spreadsheet listing the actual costs for our telecommunications, Internet, and Wireless Communications which I did on 12/14/2011 via fax. On another day in December I spoke with "Carol" Case #22-303997 about this issue. I could not get anyone to answer on December 20 and called a gentleman in the state office who did not return my call.

In my last phone conversation with Mr. Byrnes in which he informed me after I received my letter of denial, that I could appeal and suggested I should. He also added to call him and he would assist me in what to include, but I have called repeatedly with no return calls to me. Just before finishing this letter, I spoke with Anthony and was given Case # 22-336969 and he informed me to request the waiver and explain my situation and why I did not get the Item 21 submitted in a timely manner.

In closing, we rely heavily on USAC funding to enhance our programs and this would be a major setback if it is not allowed to be appealed.

Thank You for Your Consideration,



Les Sinks, Superintendent, Lick Creek C.C.S.D. #16



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