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SENT VIA: Electronic Filing

April 23, 2012

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

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6
REQUEST FOR REVIEW/WAIVER
Concerning December 17, 2010 Universal Service Administrative Company Schools & Library Division (SLD) Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter
Funding Request Number: 1421702
Billed Entity Name: East St. Louis School District No. 189
Billed Entity Number: 136412
Applicant's Form Identifier: fy07_rob_ic
FCC Registration Number: 0012736567
Form 471 Application Number: 516727
Funding Year: 2006 (7/1/2006 – 6/30/2007)
Service Provider Name: Bell Electrical Contractors
Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN): 143029950
Services Ordered: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
Contract Number: fy07-bell
Site Identifier: 136412
Original Funding Commitment: $12,260.45
Adjusted Funding Commitment Claimed: $0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date: $12,260.45
Funds Sought to be Recovered from Applicant: $12,260.45

Secretary Dortch:

Our law firm represents East St. Louis School District No. 189 (District). I write at the direction of the District Board of Education pursuant to its Resolution No. 042312B authorizing and instructing me to seek appeal and request a waiver in the above-referenced matter. (See Attachment 1). The District hereby appeals the December 17, 2010 Universal Service Administrative Company Schools & Library Division (SLD) Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter for Funding Request Number 1421702 (as more fully described above), and requests a waiver of the rules applicable thereto.

Initially, the District simply does not have the funds to satisfy this alleged debt in order to be removed from "red light status". The District is an urban school district serving approximately six

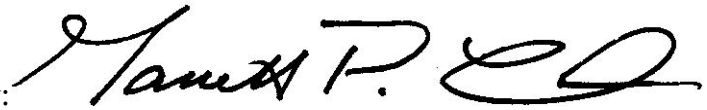
thousand seven hundred (6,700) students with high poverty, homelessness and urban decay. Currently, while all District students qualify for free breakfast and lunch, the District is experiencing significant annual funding declines from the State of Illinois of approximately Eight Million Dollars ($8,000,000.00) due to declining enrollment and the State's dire financial conditions. Therefore, the District's projected operating fund balance is anticipated to be negative by fiscal year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013).

Furthermore, the alleged violations will not recur because the individual formerly responsible for the District's participation in the E-Rate program is no longer a District Administrator. Indeed, the District has since hired a new administrative team headed by District Superintendent Arthur Culver, with District CFO Adil Khan now responsible for the District's participation in the E-Rate program. Mr.Culver and Mr. Khan have been working diligently to clear-up all outstanding District issues with USAC/FCC and restore the District's eligibility for E-Rate funding.

For the foregoing reasons, East St. Louis School District No. 189 respectfully requests that the FCC grant its appeal, reverse the December 17, 2010 Universal Service Administrative Company Schools & Library Division (SLD) Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter for Funding Request Number 1421702 and waive the rules applicable thereto, and order such other relief as FCC deems just and proper.

The District may supplement this appeal, as necessary. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience at the contact information below.

BECKER, PAULSON, HOERNER & THOMPSON, P.C.

By: 

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enclosures: Attachment 1

cc: Mr. Arthur Culver (w/ enclosures via E-Mail to arthur.culver@estl189.com)
Mr. Adil Khan (w/ enclosures via E-Mail to adil.khan@estl189.com)
Mr. Lonzo Greenwood (w/o enclosures via U.S. Mail)
Bell Electrical Contractors (w/ enclosures via U.S. Mail)

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EAST ST. LOUIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 189

RESOLUTION NO. 042312B

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING APPEAL AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINSTRATIVE COMPANY SCHOOLS & LIBRARIES DIVISION NOTIFICATION OF IMPROPERLY DISBURSED FUNDS RECOVERY LETTERS

WHEREAS, East St. Louis School District No. 189 (District) has participated in the E-Rate Grant Program administered by Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Schools & Libraries Division (SLD), pertinently receiving grants for Funding Year 2006 for Funding Request Nos. 1420443, 1420897, 1445099, 1421702 and 1445198;

WHEREAS, SLD has served on Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letters seeking repayment of disbursed funds related to Funding Request Nos. 1420443, 1420897, 1445099, 1421702 and 1445198for alleged violations of Program rules (see Exhibit A attached);

WHEREAS, this Board of Education disputes the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letters, including but not limited to its basis and conclusions, and desires to appeal that SLD decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and further seek a waiver of such rules from the FCC in accordance with applicable rules, regulations and laws, and further desires to authorize and direct its legal counsel, Attorney Garrett P. Hoerner and the law firm of Becker, Paulson, Hoerner & Thompson, P.C. to take any and all actions necessary to pursue and perfect such an appeal and waiver request on behalf of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of East St. Louis School District No. 189, St. Clair County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. This Board of Education hereby authorizes and directs its legal counsel, Attorney Garrett P. Hoerner and the law firm of Becker, Paulson, Hoerner & Thompson, P.C., to take any and all actions necessary to pursue and perfect an appeal and waiver request of such SLD Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letters to the FCC on behalf of the District, including but not limited to drafting and executing a Letter of Appeal on behalf of the District, along with such exhibits as legal counsel deems necessary and appropriate;

Section 2. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of April, 2012 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Greenwood, Galliday, Clay, Mitchom

NAYS: -0-

ABSENT: Neely, Officer, Williams

Board of Education President

Board of Education Secretary

EXHIBIT A

USAC
Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter
Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

December 17, 2010

Thomas Edwards
EAST ST LOUIS SCHOOL DIST 189
1005 STATE ST
E SAINT LOUIS, IL 62201 1907

Re:		
	Form 471 Application Number:	516224
	Funding Year:	2006
	Applicant's Form Identifier:	fy07_luc_ic
	Billed Entity Number:	136412
	FCC Registration Number:	0012736567
	SPIN:	143029950
	SPIN Name:	Bell Electrical Contractors
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Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Michael Wiese
Bell Electrical Contractors

Funding Disbursement Recovery Report
for Form 471 Application Number: 516224

Funding Request Number:	1420443
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
SPIN:	143029950
Service Provider Name:	Bell Electrical Contractors
Contract Number:	fy07-bell
Billing Account Number:	
Site Identifier:	136412
Funding Commitment:	$12,260.45
Funds Disbursed to Date:	$12,260.45
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	$12,260.45

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Schools & Libraries Division

Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter
Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

December 17, 2010

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Re:		
	Form 471 Application Number:	516308
	Funding Year:	2006
	Applicant's Form Identifier:	fy07_off_ic
	Billed Entity Number:	136412
	FCC Registration Number:	0012736567
	SPIN:	143004812
	SPIN Name:	AT&T DataComm, Inc.
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Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Brett Behrens
AT&T DataComm, Inc.

Funding Disbursement Recovery Report
for Form 471 Application Number: 516308

Funding Request Number:	1420897
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
SPIN:	143004812
Service Provider Name:	AT&T DataComm, Inc.
Contract Number:	fy07-sbc
Billing Account Number:	
Site Identifier:	136412
Funding Commitment:	$79,659.45
Funds Disbursed to Date:	$23,137.10
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	$23,137.10

Disbursed Funds Recovery Explanation:

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Additionally, 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 utilized for an educational purpose. A Cisco Router on-site could not be matched to an asset tracking list, five wireless access points were uninstalled and one 8 point switch was not operational. 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 $10,364.40.

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Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter
Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

December 17, 2010

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	Funding Year:	2006
	Applicant's Form Identifier:	fy07_you_ic
	Billed Entity Number:	136412
	FCC Registration Number:	0012736567
	SPIN:	143004812
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Funding Disbursement Recovery Report
for Form 471 Application Number: 524764

Funding Request Number:	1445099
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SPIN:	143004812
Service Provider Name:	AT&T DataComm, Inc.
Contract Number:	fy07-sbc
Billing Account Number:	
Site Identifier:	136412
Funding Commitment:	$127,778.96
Funds Disbursed to Date:	$22,305.21
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	$22,305.21

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Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Michael Wiese
Bell Electrical Contractors

Funding Disbursement Recovery Report
for Form 471 Application Number: 516727

Funding Request Number:	1421702
Services Ordered:	INTERNAL CONNECTIONS
SPIN:	143029950
Service Provider Name:	Bell Electrical Contractors
Contract Number:	fy07-bell
Billing Account Number:	
Site Identifier:	136412
Funding Commitment:	$12,260.45
Funds Disbursed to Date:	$12,260.45
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	$12,260.45

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Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter
Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

December 1, 2010

Thomas Edwards
EAST ST LOUIS SCHOOL DIST 189
1005 STATE ST
E SAINT LOUIS, IL 62201 1907

Re:	Form 471 Application Number:	524764
	Funding Year:	2006
	Applicant's Form Identifier:	fy07_you_ic
	Billed Entity Number:	136412
	FCC Registration Number:	0012736567
	SPIN:	143029950
	SPIN Name:	Bell Electrical Contractors
	Service Provider Contact Person:	Michael Wiese

Our routine review of Schools and Libraries Program (Program) funding commitments has revealed certain applications where funds were disbursed in violation of Program rules.

In order to be sure that no funds are used in violation of Program rules, the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) must now recover these improper disbursements. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the recoveries as required by Program rules, and to give you an opportunity to appeal this decision. USAC has determined the applicant is responsible for all or some of the Program rule violations. Therefore, the applicant is responsible to repay all or some of the funds disbursed in error.

This is NOT a bill. The next step in the recovery of improperly disbursed funds process is for USAC to issue you a Demand Payment Letter. The balance of the debt will be due within 30 days of that letter. Failure to pay the debt within 30 days from the date of the Demand Payment Letter could result in interest, late payment fees, administrative charges and implementation of the "Red Light Rule." The FCC's Red Light Rule requires USAC to dismiss pending FCC Form 471 applications if the entity responsible for paying the outstanding debt has not paid the debt, or otherwise made satisfactory arrangements to pay the debt within 30 days of the notice provided by USAC. For more information on the Red Light Rule, please see "Red Light Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" posted on the FCC website at http://www.fcc.gov/debt_collection/faq.html.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have to option of filing an appeal with USAC or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds decision indicated in this letter to USAC your appeal must be received 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 email address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify the date of the Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter and the funding request numbers you are appealing. Your letter of appeal must include the
- Billed Entity Name,
- Form 471 Application Number,
- Billed Entity Number, and
- FCC Registration Number (FCC RN) from the top of your letter.

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