

December 20, 2012

RE: Letter of Appeal
CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Sirs:

Appellant Name:	Anita Washmon
Applicant name:	Osage Hills School District 3
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Provider name:	Windstream Communications, Inc.
Applicant BEN:	140037
Form 471 Application #:	848761
FRN:	2350487

This letter is an appeal to the Funding Commitment Decision Letter dated July 10, 2012 for Funding Year 2012: 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2013 for the above referenced applicant, Osage Hills School District 3. The amount of FRN 2350487 was filed incorrectly. Initially when the 471 application was made the dollar amount requested was for a total of \$9,945.87 (see attached Item #1 re: billing statement). After filing the 471 and USAC reviewed this FRN a more detailed invoice was requested from the provider by USAC. Neither the PIA review team nor myself caught that the \$9,945.87 charge was a monthly charge. (See attached Item #2) In this detailed invoice it is shown that the \$9,945.87 was for a monthly charge; for a total of \$119,350.44 a year for this district. Neither the PIA team nor I caught this error during the reviews. An honest mistake was made; the detailed invoice was not presented with the original Attachment 21. There was no intent to mislead the USAC. Currently as the FRN is funded, this places a large burden on the small rural Osage Hills School District 3. Osage County Interlocal Cooperative (OCIC), my employer, does not charge a fee to complete the e-rate applications for this small rural school district.

The Funding Commitment Decision Letter is dated July 10, 2012. At times it can take several months for the discount to appear on your billing; therefore the district didn't realize until late October into November that they were not receiving the discount they thought they should. Osage Hills School District then notified OCIC, and I immediately prepared an appeal to USAC. This appeal was denied because the appeal was postmarked more than 60 days after the date of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter. This denial has placed a tremendous burden on this small rural school district. We humbly request your favor in this matter.

I respectfully submit this letter of appeal for your consideration.

Attachments (2)