

the application in order to be considered timely filed. *See* Request for Review by Alpine County Unified School District, et al., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., File no. NEC.471.01-24-00.5400004, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 02-75 paras. 2 and 4 (rel. Jan. 14, 2002). Further, the applicants must submit Item 21 Attachments to their FCC Forms 471 before the filing window deadline or their applications will be considered out of window. *See* In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, DA 11-88 para. 4 (rel. Jan. 14, 2011). Beginning with funding year 2011, when USAC determines that an application lacks an Item 21 Attachment, USAC will treat the missing Attachment as it treats a missing certification. USAC will inform the applicant promptly in writing of the omission and give it 15 calendar days from receipt of that notice to submit the missing Item 21 Attachments. If applicants do not provide timely responses to USAC requests for omitted Item 21 Attachments, USAC should treat the associated applications as out of window for the purposes of meeting the filing window deadline. *See id.*, para.5.

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either USAC or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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