Lake Local School District

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Office of the Secretary
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Regarding: CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Review & Waiver Request

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is an appeal of the Service Start Date Change on Form 486 Notification Letter for Funding Year 2011 for Lake Local School District. In accordance with the appeal process, I am including the following information:

- Appellant Name: **Donna Zalar**
- Applicant Name: **Lake Local School District**
- Applicant BEN: **129243**
- Service Provider Name: **CenturyLink Qwest Communications Co LLC**
- SPIN: **143001157**
- Form 471 Application Number: **816967**
- Funding Request Number: **2223348**
- Form 486 Notification Letter for **Funding Year 2011**
- Exact text or the decision that you are appealing: **"120-day 486 deadline"**

On Saturday, July 5, 2010, Lake High School was struck by a powerful tornado that caused extensive damage to the High School building. The tornado was later rated an EF4 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale. The district announced that the following

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school year would take place in Northwood at the Owens Center for Development and Training on Tracy Road. Fortunately, Lake Middle School and Elementary School buildings that were connected to the High School were spared and an additional building housing K-1 students at Walbridge was also not affected. Below are two images of the destruction:

Amidst the construction work, working out of several makeshift offices, and moving into the new school building beginning 2012 – 2013 school year, our community was rebuilding lives that were devastated by this tornado. Throughout the chaos, I forgot to submit Form 486 to confirm that services began on July 1, 2011. I did not realize this mistake until I was filing Form 486's for FY 2012. Even though I was not absent from my position during FY 2011, my roles and responsibilities drastically shifted. The school board motioned to move administrative offices into the new construction in May, which created an extremely difficult situation for myself in coordinating connectivity and access between the temporary building and the new building while students were still in session. In addition to this, a decision to close an elementary and merge these classrooms into our existing campus multiplied technology issues yet again. Our district engaged in three major moves within a 4-month period. I truly believe I would have remembered to file my school district's Form 486 under normal circumstances.

After thoughtful consideration, I hope you will consider changing the Service Start Date to July 1, 2011 when services actually began and modifying the Funding Commitment Decision amount to reflect this change. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Authorized Signature of Donna Zalar; Technology Director / ERate Contact