

# Watson Chapel School District

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
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(8:00 A. M. - 5:30 P. M. ET)

APPLICANT NAME: WATSON CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BILLED ENTITY NUMBER: 139359  
FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: 877867  
FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER: 2396891

## CC Docket No. 02-06

## REQUEST FOR REVIEW

### ERATE FUNDING YEAR 2011 - 2012

Watson Chapel filed a Form 470, Form 471, and Form 486  
for Windstream Communications, Inc. - Priority 1

This paperwork showed that this was a 5 year contract. Watson Chapel  
School District will begin to pay for the monthly services February, 2013  
because the process of installation and testing has just now been completed.

### ERATE FUNDING YEAR 2012 - 2013

Watson Chapel filed a Form 471 outside the deadline  
for Windstream Communications, Inc. - Priority 1

This paperwork was not done in the appropriate window because all original  
paperwork in year 2011 - 2012 showed the 5 year contract. Watson Chapel  
did file the necessary paperwork; but was denied by USAC because this not  
in the appropriate filing window. Since we had not began the monthly  
payments, the need to re-file the same information was not explained or  
understood as necessary.



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See attached letter dated October 29, 2012 from Watson Chapel School District to SLD FORMS

See attached letter dated December 7, 2012 from Watson Chapel School District to SLC - Correspondence Unit

**ERATE FUNDING YEAR 2013 - 2014**

Watson Chapel will file the form 471 and Form 486 for Windstream Communications, Inc. - Priority 1

This paperwork will be done in the appropriate filing window for this year.

Watson Chapel School District has completed all WAIVER REQUEST through the USAC. We are now requesting a WAIVER REQUEST from the FCC with this letter of Appeal. We are submitting this requesting a review of the decision made by USAC. We understand that this is a process that began prior to the actual completion of the project. We are asking for 6 months of priority 1 Telecommunication Service that all schools are expected to receive.

The following table provides a better explanation of the funding request:

MONTHLY COST - TOTAL	\$ 3,180	Eligible Monthly Amount
ERATE DISCOUNT to be paid by district	\$ 636	80 % ERATE discount
ERATE DISCOUNT to be paid by USAC	\$ 2,544	20 % ERATE
6 MONTHS to be paid if approved by USAC	\$ 15,264	February, 2013 - June, 2013  FORM 471 for funding year 2012 - 2013
TOTAL FUNDING COMMITMENT REQUEST	\$ 31, 672.80	The amount that would have been if installation and testing had been completed prior to July 1, 2012.

Thank you for your consideration in this priority 1 matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny Hazelwood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "H".

Danny Hazelwood  
Superintendent

DJH/dls

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October 29, 2012

SLD Forms

ATTENTION: SLD Form 471

3833 Greenway Drive

Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Dear Sir/Madam:

Watson Chapel School District filed a FORM 470, FORM 471, and FORM 486 for the funding year of 2011 – 2012 for Windstream Communications, Inc. This funding was for leased fiber services. On this form, the SERVICE START DATE was 07/01/2011 and the CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE was 06/30/2016.

Windstream Communications, Inc. has completed this installation this month and we are now being billed for the leased fiber. I did not file a FORM 471 for year 2012 because this was done for the funding year 2011 with the contract expiration date showing 06/30/2016. Windstream Communications, Inc. has contacted me for a FRN # for billing purposes. I have contacted ERATE support to find out what I should do to fix this problem. They told me to complete a FORM 471 on paper for funding year 2012.

Once the attached FORM 471 is approved, I will complete a FORM 486 based on the FRN # from the approved FORM 471. I will continue to apply for a FORM 471 and FORM 486 for each funding year until 2016 since this seems to be the process.

Thanks for working with me to fix this funding year 2012.

Sincerely,

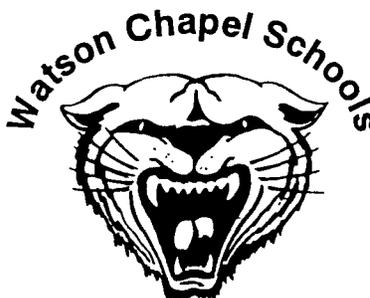


Danny J. Hazelwood

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Attachment



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December 7, 2012

Letter of Appeal  
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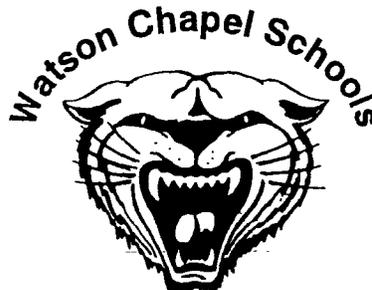
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This letter is an appeal to applicant's form identifier, FIBER-2-12-13.

The following information is related to this appeal:

APPELLANT NAME - Watson Chapel School District  
SERVICE PROVIDER NAME - Windstream Communications, Inc.  
BEN - 139359  
APPLICATION 471 NUMBER ASSIGNED BY USAC - 877867

This application was denied because it was postmarked outside of the window required. We have not even started the service because Windstream Communications has not completed their installation and testing of the system. We should be using this service soon and will then begin to start the payment process.



I have never completed an ERATE multi-year application. I did ask questions and was told that since I had the CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE as 06/30/2016, my applications were complete. It seems now that this meant for funding year of 2011-2012 only. The procedure was not clear that a separate Form 471 was necessary to be done each year. Since the contract has not begun, I did not think I needed to complete another funding request application. I also did not realize I needed to complete another funding request application because the 1st one should have covered all years until 06/30/2016.

Our school district budgeted our percentage amount; but not for the complete amount. This will place a financial burden on us if we have to pay for the complete bill. I do understand the ruling to consider all other applications within the appropriate window; but I hope you will reconsider your decision to fund this request. I would have requested this funding year at the proper time if I had been given better directions. My source of information was someone who knows ERATE inside and out. I did not ask the correct questions about the yearly request because of the CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE of 06/30/2016. Yearly funding request will be completed for each year until 06/30/2016 now that I understand the process.

I hope that you will consider this appeal and fund my request for the funding year 2012.

Thanks.



Danny Hazelwood  
Superintendent