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

Re: **Appeal of E-rate Funding Denial – FY 2011**

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CC Docket No. 02-6
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Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to respectfully appeal the USAC denial of the majority of the funding for FRN Numbers 2205719, 2210845, and 221907.

Six months of funding was denied because the Service Start Date (SSD) was adjusted from 7/1/2011 to 1/27/2012 because one of our Technology Plans was not approved by the certified Technology Plan Approver until that 1/27/12 date. However, an earlier Technology Plan covering the same services from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012 was approved by the same certified Technology Plan Approver on January 1, 2009, so we do indeed have an approved Technology Plan covering the services in the 2011 Form 471 during the entire period the Form covers. A copy of this approval letter was faxed to SLD division of USAC at their request, but the funding was still rejected.

Our District does not hire an E-rate consultant to prepare our application forms, but instead tries to save as much of our E-rate funding as possible by trying to navigate the process ourselves. Unfortunately, the complex rules and moving deadline make it difficult for me to understand and navigate through all the processes, including this appeal process.

The original funding request in the amount \$92928.50 may not be a large amount of money to some institutions, but it is extremely important in this urban library and the impoverished population it serves.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Najarian, Assistant Director

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