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Letter of Appeal - Request for Review
CC Docket No. 02-6

Attn: Marlene H. Dorch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Decision Document: Funding Commitment Decision Letter 10/30/12
Applicant Form Identifier: ShontoBMY15
Funding Year: 15 (2012-2013)
BEN: 223981
471 #: 862440
FRN: 2348256
SPIN: CamNet, Inc. (143017447)

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SLD Explanation

Given Program demand, the funding cap will not provide for Internal Connections and/or Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections at your approved discount level to be funded. Please see <http://www.universalservice.org/sl/> for further details.

This is a letter to request an appeal of the funding commitment decision for FRN 2348256. Shonto applied to be a Provision II school in May 2, 2011 and received certification in June 2012 after completing the base year.

Shonto has always been a 90% discount school, and filed in previous years as a 90% discount school. However, after filing our 471 for Erate funding in March 18th 2012, Shonto was reduced to 88%. The school was unaware of the change, and when it was discovered, was unaware that the reduction from 90% to 88% would not mean just a 2% reduction in funding, but at complete denial of funding. Had Shonto been aware of the consequences of the 2% reduction, we certainly would have filed our Provision II letter to increase our funding percentage. When we received notice that our funding was denied and we submitted proof of our Provision II standing, USAC stated that the Provision II letter

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would have to have been submitted at a time when we were unaware of the need for the documentation.

Timeline:

Shonto filed their 471 on 3/18/11.

USAC dropped the school's FRLP from 90% to 88%

The school assumed that the reduction would mean they would pay an additional 2% and, due to personnel changes and a hectic workload, felt that the 2% increase was acceptable.

USAC denied funding 10/30/2012 for the above reason.

This created quite a different result than just a 2% increase. The FCDL meant that we would not get any funding for the Erate Yr 2012-13, and therefore requested that our status be changed to a Provision II school.

We appealed to USAC's denial letter on 12/28/12 with our Provision II letter showing evidence that we are in fact a 90% school.

Our appeal to USAC was denied 1/29/2013 due to us not providing the Provision II letter sooner prior to the FCDL.

Summary:

USAC did not give forewarning that schools below 90% discount would automatically be denied for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections. Had we realized that the 2% reduction in our school discount status would mean that we would be ineligible for funding, we would have submitted the Provision II letter immediately. There is a huge difference between a 2% reduction in funding and 100% reduction. The school found it acceptable to budget for the 2% reduction in March 2012 for the best interest of our students, and felt we didn't need to respond. However when we received the 100% reduction – in a denial of funding, USAC stated that it was too late to submit the Provision II letter which had been approved in June of 2012. Since the funding was not denied until Dec 2012, we feel that it is unfair to require the school to submit the Provision II letter prior to any knowledge that of the consequences of our NSLP reduction.

Shonto Preparatory School District is a rural school servicing many children that would benefit greatly from the technology care and assistance we would be able to receive from CamNet Inc. Erate funding would also allow us to do so much more for our students' education and quality of life at our school.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jen-Daniel Delmar

Instructional Technologist

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