



**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2008-2009**

September 27, 2013

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Re: Applicant Name: COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA IND SCH DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141306  
Form 471 Application Number: 599045  
Funding Request Number(s): 1652602, 1652607, 1652612, 1652615, 1652618  
Your Correspondence Dated: September 18, 2013

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2008 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1652602, 1652607, 1652612, 1652615, 1652618  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**  
Explanation:

- According to our records, the applicant indicated on the FCC Form 471 that their discount eligibility is a shared discount of 70% with the entities on Block 4 listed as rural status. During a review, it was determined that the applicant is only eligible to receive a 63% shared discount. This determination was based on the finding that all entities on Block 4 are physically located in the part of Brazoria County that is considered urban. Accordingly, the commitment was reduced. In your appeal you did not demonstrate that the adjustment USAC made to your discount eligibility percentage was incorrect. Therefore, USAC denies your appeal.
- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b). The level of

poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district that are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program(NSLP), or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). *See* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510 n.1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or library as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(c).

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. 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 under the Reference Area/"Appeals" 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.

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2009-2010**

September 25, 2013

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Re: Applicant Name: COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA IND SCH DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141306  
Form 471 Application Number: 663979  
Funding Request Number(s): 1812786, 1812883, 1812899, 1812910, 1812919  
Your Correspondence Dated: September 18, 2013

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2009 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1812786, 1812883, 1812899, 1812910, 1812919  
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**  
Explanation:

- According to our records, the applicant indicated on the FCC Form 471 that their discount eligibility is a shared discount of 73% with the entities on Block 4 listed as rural status. During a review, it was determined that the applicant is only eligible to receive a 68% shared discount. This determination was based on the finding that all entities on Block 4 are physically located in the part of Brazoria County that is considered urban. Accordingly, the commitment was reduced. In your appeal you did not demonstrate that the adjustment USAC made to your discount eligibility percentage was incorrect. Therefore, USAC denies your appeal.
- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. See 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b). The level of

poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district that are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). *See* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510, n.1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or library as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(c).

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2010-2011**

September 24, 2013

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Re: Applicant Name: COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA IND SCH DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141306  
Form 471 Application Number: 727182  
Funding Request Number(s): 1968278, 1968286, 1968296, 1968299, 1968308,  
1968334  
Your Correspondence Dated: September 18, 2013

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2010 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 1968278, 1968286, 1968296, 1968299, 1968308,  
1968334

Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- According to our records, the applicant indicated on the FCC Form 471 that their discount eligibility is a shared discount of 77% with the entities on Block 4 listed as rural status. During a review, it was determined that the applicant is only eligible to receive a 74% shared discount. This determination was based on the finding that all entities on Block 4 are physically located in the part of Brazoria County that is considered urban. Accordingly, the commitment was reduced. In your appeal you did not demonstrate that the adjustment USAC made to your discount eligibility percentage was incorrect. Therefore, USAC denies your appeal.

- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b). The level of poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district that are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). *See* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510, n.1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or library as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(c).

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2011-2012**

September 24, 2013

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Re: Applicant Name: COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA IND SCH DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141306  
Form 471 Application Number: 795736  
Funding Request Number(s): 2153460, 2153466, 2153477, 2153494, 2153502,  
2153535  
Your Correspondence Dated: September 18, 2013

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2011 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2153460, 2153466, 2153477, 2153494, 2153502,  
2153535

Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- According to our records, the applicant indicated on the FCC Form 471 that their discount eligibility is a shared discount of 77% with the entities on Block 4 listed as rural status. During a review, it was determined that the applicant is only eligible to receive a 74% shared discount. This determination was based on the finding that all entities on Block 4 are physically located in the part of Brazoria County that is considered urban. Accordingly, the commitment was reduced. In your appeal you did not demonstrate that the adjustment USAC made to your discount eligibility percentage was incorrect. Therefore, USAC denies your appeal.

- FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b). The level of poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district that are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program (NSLP), or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, Food Stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). *See* Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9045, FCC 97-157 para. 510, n.1334 (rel. May 8, 1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or library as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether the entity is classified as rural or urban. *See* 47 C.F.R. sec. 54.505(c).

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2012-2013**

September 24, 2013

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Re: Applicant Name: COLUMBIA-BRAZORIA IND SCH DIST  
Billed Entity Number: 141306  
Form 471 Application Number: 859264  
Funding Request Number(s): 2375990, 2376025, 2376050, 2376075, 2376090,  
2376144, 2381022  
Your Correspondence Dated: September 18, 2013

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2012 Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s): 2375990, 2376025, 2376050, 2376075, 2376090,  
2376144, 2381022

Decision on Appeal: **Denied**

Explanation:

- According to our records, the applicant indicated on the FCC Form 471 that their discount eligibility is a shared discount of 76% with the entities on Block 4 listed as rural status. During a review, it was determined that the applicant is only eligible to receive a 72% shared discount. This determination was based on the finding that all entities on Block 4 are physically located in the part of Brazoria County that is considered urban. Accordingly, the commitment was reduced. In your appeal you did not demonstrate that the adjustment USAC made to your discount eligibility percentage was incorrect. Therefore, USAC denies your appeal.

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