



Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

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

November 13, 2013

Marcy Hahn
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Re: Applicant Name: CHAUTAUQUA CATTARAUGUS LIB SYS
Billed Entity Number: 124999
Form 471 Application Number: 847052
Funding Request Number(s): 2322455
Your Correspondence Dated: October 28, 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 Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery 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): 2322455
Decision on Appeal: **Denied**
Explanation:

- According to our records, it has been determined that the funds were improperly disbursed for the above funding request. The service provider listed on the bill submitted in support of the request for reimbursement for services is not the service provider that was approved to provide the requested services for this funding request. FCC rules require that USAC disburses funds to the same service provider that was approved to provide the services listed on the Funding Commitment Decision Letter or an approved SPIN Change request. The applicant made the certifications on the BEAR Form that the discount amounts listed on the form are for eligible services approved by the fund administrator pursuant to a Funding Commitment Decision Letter. Since you did not provide

any information on appeal that shows that the initial USAC decision was incorrect, your appeal is denied.

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.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

cc: Christine Spink



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RE: LETTER OF APPEAL – FRN 2322455

SPIN: 143025374
Form 471 Application #: 847052
Funding Year: 2012
FCC Registration #: NONE
Applicant Name: Chautauqua Cattaraugus Lib Sys
Billed Entity #: 124999
Applicant Contact Person: Christine Spink

“Notification of Improperly Disbursed Funds Recovery Letter” dated – **October 23, 2013**

Funding Request Number: 2322455
Contract Number: 12-49
Services Ordered: TELCOM SERVICES
Billing Account Number: 221196
Funding Commitment: \$16,224.00

Disbursed Funds Recovery Explanation:

It has been determined that the funds were improperly disbursed for this funding request. The service provider listed on the bill submitted in support of request for reimbursement for services in FRN 2322455 is not the service provider that was approved to provide the requested services for this funding request. FCC rules require that USAC disburses funds to the service provider that was approved to provide services for FRN by way of the Funding Commitment Decision Letter or an approved SPIN Change request. The applicant made the certifications on the BEAR Form that the discount amounts listed on the form are for eligible services approved by the funding administrator pursuant to the Funding Commitment Decision Letter. Since USAC disbursed funds for services rendered by the Service Provider who was not an approved provider for this funding request, USAC will seek recover of \$16,224.00 of improperly disbursed funds from the service provider.

Service Provider Contact:

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'marcy hahn'.

Documentation Letter Attached.

