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December 5, 2013

FCC
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. -02-6

1. Ridgefield School District
Richard Guarini, Business Administrator
555 Chestnut Street
Ridgefield, NJ 07657
201-945-7747 ext 262
Fax 201-313-4582
rguarini@ridgefieldschools.com
2. This letter is an appeal.
Ridgefield School District
Ridgefield School District
BEN # 122944
FCC Form 471-913566
Funding Request # 2489719
DR1-Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation needed to determine the eligibility of the following item: vendor documentation to support the requested amount.
3. School District has been having a lot of issues with cases of lost email from various outside senders and receipts. We believe any emails sent requesting the documentation were lost, went to spam or never received. In addition the contact fax 201-945-7830 was in operative and just recently replaced. In addition, the alternate contact Bruce Cerra, CPA was never contacted by USAC regarding Form 471 896478.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard A. Guarini".

Richard A. Guarini
Ridgefield School District
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

CC: Verizon NJ, Cablevision Lightpath of NJ.

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Universal Service Administrative Company
Schools & Libraries Division

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2013: 07/01/2013 - 06/30/2014)

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November 14, 2013

STAVROS NIKAS
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
555 CHESTNUT ST
RIDGEFIELD, NJ 07657-1825

Re: FCC Form 471 Application Number: 913566
Billed Entity Number (BEN): 122944
Billed Entity FCC Registration Number (FCC RN): 0018167528
Applicant's Form Identifier: 470/6/30/2014- 2

Thank you for your Funding Year 2013 application for Universal Service Support and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. The current status of the funding request(s) in the FCC Form 471 application cited above and featured in the Funding Commitment Report(s) (Report) at the end of this letter is as follows.

- The amount, \$64,680.00 is "Denied."

Please refer to the Report following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can begin for implementing your approved discount(s) after you file FCC Form 486, Receipt of Service Confirmation Form. A guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report is available in the Guide to USAC Letter Reports in the Reference Area of our website.

NEXT STEPS

- Work with your service provider to determine if you will receive discounted bills or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying your bills in full.
- Review technology planning approval requirements.
- Review Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements.
- File FCC Form 486.
- Invoice USAC using the FCC Form 474, Service Provider Invoice (SPI) Form, or FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) Form, - as products and services are being delivered and billed.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

You have the option of filing an appeal with USAC or directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to USAC, your appeal must be received by USAC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and email address for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

DUPLICATE LETTER

2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Include the following to identify the USAC decision letter (e.g., FCDL) and the decision you are appealing:
 - Appellant name,
 - Applicant name and service provider name, if different from appellant,
 - Applicant BEN and Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN),
 - FCC Form 471 Application Number 913566 and the Funding Request Number (FRN) or Numbers as assigned by USAC,
 - "Funding Commitment Decision Letter for Funding Year 2013," AND
 - The exact text or the decision that you are appealing.
3. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep a copy of your entire appeal, including any correspondence and documentation.
4. If you are the applicant, please provide a copy of your appeal to the service provider(s) affected by USAC's decision. If you are the service provider, please provide a copy of your appeal to the applicant(s) affected by USAC's decision.
5. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

We strongly recommend that you use one of the electronic filing options. To submit your appeal to USAC by email, email your appeal to appeals@sl.universalservice.org or submit your appeal electronically by using the "Submit a Question" feature on the USAC website. USAC will automatically reply to incoming emails to confirm receipt.

To submit your appeal to USAC by fax, fax your appeal to (973) 599-6542.

To submit your appeal to USAC on paper, send your appeal to:

Letter of Appeal
Schools and Libraries Division - Correspondence Unit
30 Lanidex Plaza West
PO Box 685
Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

For more information on submitting an appeal to USAC, please see "Appeals" in the Schools and Libraries section of the USAC website.

If you wish to appeal a decision in this letter to the FCC, you should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options described in Appeals in the Schools and Libraries section of our website. 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.

OBLIGATION TO PAY NON-DISCOUNT PORTION

Applicants are required to pay the non-discount portion of the cost of the products and/or services to their service provider(s). Service providers are required to bill applicants for the non-discount portion. The FCC stated that requiring applicants to pay their share ensures efficiency and accountability in the program. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 474, the service provider must bill the applicant at the same time it bills USAC. If USAC is being billed via the FCC Form 472, the applicant pays the service provider in full (the non-discount plus discount portion) and then seeks reimbursement from USAC. If you are using a trade-in as part of your non-discount portion, please refer to Disposal or Trade-in of Equipment posted in the Reference Area of our website for more information.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Program. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. USAC may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by USAC, the applicant, or the service provider. USAC, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect improperly disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT
Billed Entity Name: RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
BEN: 122944
Funding Year: 2013

Comment on RAL corrections: The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

FCC Form 471 Application Number: 913566
Funding Request Number: 2489719
Funding Status: Not Funded
Category of Service: Internet Access
FCC Form 470 Application Number: 903370001091653
SPIN: 143013604
Service Provider Name: Cablevision Lightpath of New Jersey
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: NEW- ADDITIONAL
Multiple Billing Account Numbers: N
Service Start Date: 07/01/2013
Service End Date: 06/30/2014
Contract Award Date: N/A
Contract Expiration Date: N/A
Shared Worksheet Number: 1568008
Number of Months Recurring Service Provided in Funding Year: 12
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$132,000.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$132,000.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the USAC: 49%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Insufficient documentation
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: DR1: Applicant has not provided sufficient documentation needed to determine the eligibility of the following item: vendor documentation to support the requested amount.

FCDL Date: 11/14/2013
Wave Number: 026
Last Allowable Date for Delivery and Installation for Non-Recurring Services: 09/30/2014
Consultant Name: Bruce Cerra CPA
Consultant Registration Number (CRN): 16062911
Consultant Employer: Bruce Cerra CPA