

July 11, 2014

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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Appeal of USAC Notification of Commitment Adjustment in CC Docket No. 02-6 – St. Brigid School (BEN 9882) - Funding Year 2012.

Applicant Name: St. Brigid School
Billed Entity Number: 9882
Funding Year: 2012
FCC Registration Number: 0011989217
Form 471 App. Number(s): 828062, 859000, 868933
Funding Request Numbers: 2263987, 2263989 (Form 471# 828062)
2337783 (Form 471# 859000)
2368636 (Form 471# 868933)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

St. Brigid School (“St. Brigid” or “School”), acting through counsel and pursuant to Sections 54.719-54.721 of the Commission’s rules¹, hereby timely files this Request for Review or Waiver (“Appeal”). The Appeal requests Commission review of the adverse decisions of the Administrator of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) seeking to rescind previously-approved and recover previously-disbursed E-Rate Program support funds for Funding Year 2012.²

¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719-54.721. St. Brigid is a K-12 elementary school which is one of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

² The relevant Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letters, each dated May 13, 2014, are attached at Exhibit 1 (“COMADs”). This Appeal is timely filed within sixty (60) days of the date of the COMADs, which, under the Commission’s rules, would be July 12, 2014, a Saturday, thereby permitting filing by Monday, July 14, 2014.

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More specifically, on May 13, 2014, USAC's Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") issued the COMADs, asserting that the School had failed to (a) retain and make available to USAC certain records relating to the competitive bidding process for the referenced FCC Form 471 applications and (b) respond to a request for information from a potential bidder (with respect to FRN 2337783). Therefore, USAC proposes to rescind the E-Rate commitments provided pursuant to the referenced FRNs and seeks recovery in full of the funds disbursed, as well as rescission of undisbursed support.

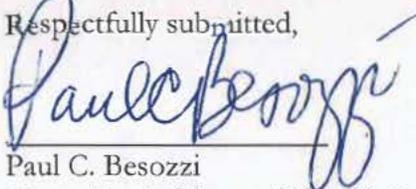
St. Brigid is aggrieved by the COMADs and the Archdiocese has only recently engaged the undersigned counsel to assist in this matter. Therefore, St. Brigid is timely submitting this Appeal and reserving the right to supplement the same with a full discussion of the facts, the School's position and supporting arguments.

The School intended in good faith to conduct a fair and open competitive bidding process, seeking always to adhere to the relevant FCC rules, including the consideration of all bids. St. Brigid respectfully believes that the relevant FCC Form 470 seeking the Basic Maintenance Of Internal Connections services provided a reasonably sufficient description under the Commission's rules on which bids could be submitted.

Even if there was a technical violation of the Commission's rules relating to the document retention or competitive bidding process, there is no evidence of any waste, fraud and abuse or deliberate attempt to circumvent the Commission's rules. The E-Rate support approved and disbursed was used for the purpose for which it was approved. Further, the requirement to reimburse the requested funds would be a financial hardship on St. Brigid, which qualified at the 90% discount rate. There is no evidence that the School acted other than in good faith. St. Brigid respectfully submits that requiring repayment would not further the purpose of preserving and advancing access to universal service support. Under the circumstances, a waiver of any technical rule violation is appropriate and as a result the COMADs should be rescinded.

Again, St. Brigid reserves the right to supplement this Appeal with a full discussion of the facts, the School's position and further supporting arguments.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT 1



Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter

Funding Year 2012: July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

May 13, 2014

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Re: Form 471 Application Number: 828062
Funding Year: 2012
Applicant's Form Identifier: StBridgidNY12
Billed Entity Number: 9882
FCC Registration Number: 0011989217
SPIN: 143001359
Service Provider Name: Verizon New York Inc.
Service Provider Contact Person: Robert Kannegieser

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Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Robert Kannegieser
Verizon New York Inc.

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 828062

Funding Request Number: 2263987
Services Ordered: TELCOMM SERVICES
SPIN: 143001359
Service Provider Name: Verizon New York Inc.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: # 2126775210
Site Identifier: 9882
Original Funding Commitment: \$4,320.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$4,320.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date \$238.94
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant: \$238.94
Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:

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Funding Year: 2012
Applicant's Form Identifier: StBrigP-2BM12
Billed Entity Number: 9882
FCC Registration Number: 0011989217
SPIN: 143007392
Service Provider Name: Knight Nets, Inc.
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cc: Richard Scauri
Knight Nets, Inc.

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 859000

Funding Request Number: 2337783
Services Ordered: INTERNAL CONNECTIONS MNT
SPIN: 143007392
Service Provider Name: Knight Nets, Inc.
Contract Number: KNTQ4403
Billing Account Number:
Site Identifier: 9882
Original Funding Commitment: \$8,819.93
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$8,819.93
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date \$3,847.50
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant: \$3,847.50
Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:

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Additionally, USAC received information showing that a potential bidder contacted you within the 28 day bidding window seeking information about your Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (BMIC) requirements. Documentation provided during review indicates you did not respond to the potential bidder with the information sought. It has been determined that the maintenance services as requested on FCC Form 470# 570460000999494 contains maintenance service descriptions which are insufficiently detailed to allow prospective bidders to provide a bid responsive to the maintenance services which were subsequently requested by the school in FRN 2337783 Since you did not respond with the information sought by the service provider and since the provider would not have been able to provide a responsive bid without the additional information, a fair and open competitive bidding process was inhibited. Since you posted FCC Form 470#570460000999494 which included a request for BMIC, you are obligated to receive and assess all bids and to provide potential service providers with requested information so that they may provide responsive bids. The competitive bidding process is not fair and open, as required by FCC Rules, when you discourage potential bidders from submitting a bid in response to the services requested on the FCC Form 470. Therefore, the applicant has violated the competitive bidding program rules and your funding commitment will be rescinded in full. USAC will seek recovery of any disbursed funds from the applicant.



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Funding Year: 2012
Applicant's Form Identifier: StBridgidNY12
Billed Entity Number: 9882
FCC Registration Number: 0011989217
SPIN: 143006742
Service Provider Name: Sprint Spectrum, L.P.
Service Provider Contact Person: Christina Halley

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Funding Request Number: 2263989
Services Ordered: TELCOMM SERVICES
SPIN: 143006742
Service Provider Name: Sprint Spectrum, L.P.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number: # 178553036
Site Identifier: 9882
Original Funding Commitment: \$2,268.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$2,268.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date \$1,084.02
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant: \$1,084.02
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Note that if the Funds Disbursed to Date amount is less than the Adjusted Funding Commitment amount, USAC will continue to process properly filed invoices up to the Adjusted Funding Commitment amount. Review the Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation in the attached Report for an explanation of the reduction to the commitment(s). Please ensure that any invoices that you or your service provider(s) submits to USAC are consistent with Program rules as indicated in the Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation. If the Funds Disbursed to Date amount exceeds your Adjusted Funding Commitment amount, USAC will have to recover some or all of the disbursed funds. The Report explains the exact amount (if any) the applicant is responsible for repaying.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Services Administrative Company

cc: Richard Scauri
Knight Nets, Inc.

Funding Commitment Adjustment Report for
Form 471 Application Number: 868933

Funding Request Number: 2368636
Services Ordered: INTERNET ACCESS
SPIN: 143007392
Service Provider Name: Knight Nets, Inc.
Contract Number: MTM
Billing Account Number:
Site Identifier: 9882
Original Funding Commitment: \$6,102.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$6,102.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date \$6,102.00
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant: \$6,102.00
Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:

After multiple requests for documentation, it has been determined that this funding commitment must be rescinded in full. The applicant failed to produce at the request of the Administrator the following documentation pertaining to its competitive bidding process: copies of bids received and documentation to support the vendor evaluation and selection process. FCC rules require schools and libraries as well as service providers to retain all documents related to the application for, receipt, and delivery of discounted telecommunications and other supported services for at least five years after the last day of service delivered in a particular Funding Year and to produce such records upon a request of an auditor or other authorized representative. FCC rules further provide that a non-compliance with the FCCs recordkeeping and auditing rules by failure to retain records or to make available required documentation is a rule violation that warrants recovery of any disbursed funds for the time period for which the information/documentation is being sought. Since you failed to produce the above specified documentation upon request of an authorized representative, your compliance with competitive bidding requirements could not be determined. As a result, your funding commitment has been rescinded in full and USAC will seek recovery of any improperly disbursed funds from the applicant.