## Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Requests for Review of Decisions of the	)	
Universal Service Administrator by	)	
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Advanced Education Services, et al.	)	File Nos. SLD-469642, et al.
	)	
Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism	)	

**ORDER** 

Adopted: December 12, 2007 Released: December 12, 2007

By the Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Order, we grant 13 appeals of decisions by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) denying requests for funding under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, also known as the E-rate program. Petitioners seek review of USAC decisions finding that consortia leaders did not provide evidence of their authority to represent their respective consortium members. As discussed below, we find that Petitioners have provided evidence of authority, and we therefore remand the underlying applications to USAC for further action consistent with this Order. To ensure that the underlying applications are resolved expeditiously, we direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue decisions based on a complete review and analysis no later than 90 calendar days from release of this Order.<sup>2</sup>

#### II. BACKGROUND

2. Under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism, also known as the Erate program, eligible schools, libraries, and consortia that include eligible schools and libraries may apply for discounts for eligible telecommunications services, Internet access, and internal connection services.<sup>3</sup> In accordance with the Commission's rules, an applicant must file with USAC, for posting to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A list of the entities that filed Requests for Review is attached as the Appendix. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of USAC may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Although we grant the appeals addressed herein, we make no finding as to the ultimate eligibility of the applicants, consortia members, or the requested services.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.501-54.503.

USAC's website, an FCC Form 470 requesting discounted services.<sup>4</sup> After an applicant has entered into agreements for eligible services with one or more service providers, it must file an FCC Form 471 with USAC.<sup>5</sup>

- 3. The Commission's rules allow schools and libraries to form consortia for purposes of seeking competitive bids on their service requests. Because discounts are restricted by statute to "bona fide request[s]" for services, a consortium application may only be submitted on behalf of schools and libraries that have actually authorized the consortium to make the request. By signing the FCC Form 471, the applicant is certifying that it is authorized to submit and certify to the accuracy of the application on behalf of all consortium members. In *Project Interconnect*, the Wireline Competition Bureau (the Bureau) affirmed USAC's requirement that an applicant applying as a consortium must submit a letter of agency (LOA) from each of its members expressly authorizing the applicant to submit an application on its behalf. USAC requires an LOA to contain the following five elements: the name of the person filing the application; the name of the person authorizing the filing of the application; the specific time frame the LOA covers; the signature, date, and title of an official who is an employee of the entity authorizing the filing of the application; and the type of services covered by the LOA. In lieu of an LOA, according to USAC's guidelines, "other documentation may be accepted as proof of authorization."
- 4. In Funding Year 2005, USAC began requiring applicants to obtain proof of representation from each consortium member prior to the certification date of their FCC Form 471. In the *South Carolina CIO Order*, the Bureau found that USAC had not provided sufficient notice for consortia applicants to comply with the new policy in Funding Year 2005, and therefore should not have denied the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The applicant must wait 28 days before entering into an agreement with a service provider for the requested services. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(b); *see also* Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Description of Services Requested and Certification Form, OMB 3060-0806 (October 2004) (Funding Year 2006 FCC Form 470).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The FCC Form 471 notifies USAC of the services that have been ordered, the service providers with which the applicant has entered into an agreement, and an estimate of funds needed to cover the discounts to be given for eligible services. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(c); *see also* Schools and Libraries Universal Service, Services Ordered and Certification Form, OMB 3060-0806 (November 2004) (Funding Year 2006 FCC Form 471).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.501(d)(1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Request for Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Kan-ed, Kansas Board of Regents, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 13658, 13659, para. 3 (2006) (Kan-ed); see also 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(1)(B).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.501(c)(1); *see also* USAC Website, Letter of Agency, http://www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/reference/letters-of-agency.aspx (last modified May 25, 2007) (retrieved Dec. 10, 2007) (LOA Guidance); FCC Form 471, Item 33, Block 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Project Interconnect, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, File Nos. SLD-146858, 146854, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 13658, para. 8 (Com. Car. Bur. 2001) (Project Interconnect).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See LOA Guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See LOA Guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See LOA Guidance; see also February 2005 Announcements, Sample Letter of Agency (LOA) Available (2/1/05), available at http://www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/news-archive/2005/022005.asp#020105a (retrieved Dec. 10, 2007).

consortium's application for failing to comply with the new procedure. USAC has also denied consortium applications for which a substantial number of the consortium's members either did not submit an LOA or submitted a deficient LOA. In an order issued in 2006 resolving an appeal filed by the Kan-ed consortium, the Commission found that to deny an entire application in those situations would unfairly penalize the entire consortium. In the *Kan-ed Order*, therefore, the Commission directed USAC to remove from the application those entities for which the applicant could not provide LOAs and adjust the funding requests accordingly, rather than deny the entire application.

5. <u>Requests for Review.</u> The Commission has under consideration 13 appeals filed by 12 consortia requesting review of decisions issued by USAC.<sup>17</sup> The decisions at issue involve the consortia's failure to submit LOAs signed and dated prior to the certification of the FCC Form 471 or their failure to submit completed LOAs with all five required elements. Specifically, (1) some petitioners obtained signed LOAs after the certification date of their FCC Form 471s;<sup>18</sup> (2) other petitioners' LOAs did not specify the timeframe covered by the LOAs or did not state the specific services for which the consortia were authorized to apply;<sup>19</sup> and (3) two consortia each did not have signed LOAs from one member.<sup>20</sup> Petitioners seek reversal of USAC's denial of their funding due to deficiencies with their LOAs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Request for Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by South Carolina Division of the Chief Information Officer, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 5987, 5990-91, para. 8 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2006) (South Carolina CIO Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *Kan-ed*, 21 FCC Rcd at 13661, para. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.* at 13661, para. 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 13662, para. 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See Appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Letter from James D. Bush, Advanced Education Services, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Sept. 27, 2005, at 2 (AES Request for Review); Letter from Alan Hamilton, Grand River Network, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Oct. 24, 2005, at 1 (Grand River Request for Review); Letter from Tom Oseland, Illinois Century Network, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Oct. 12, 2005, at 3 (Illinois Century Request for Review); Letter from Laura J. Matechak, Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, to Federal Communications Commission, dated June 18, 2007, at 6 (Luzerne Intermediate Request for Review); Letter from Scott Powner, Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Mar. 2, 2006, at 1 (Midwestern Intermediate Request for Review); Letter from Garry P. Bousom, Monterey County Office of Education, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Jan. 3, 2007, at 1 (Monterey Request for Review); Letter from Kathleen M. Bravo, Youth Consultation Services, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Mar. 2, 2006, at 2 (YCS Request for Review).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See Letter from Mark L. Miller, Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools, to Federal Communications Commission, dated April 6, 2007, at 2 (Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools Request for Review); Letter from Jessica A. Nilsen, Broome-Tioga BOCES, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Mar. 26, 2007, at 1 (Broome-Tioga Request for Review); Letter from Nigel Buss, Educational Service Unit #8, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Jan. 3, 2007, at 6 (Educational Service Unit #8 Request for Review); Letter from Mary E. Troxel, State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Jan. 9, 2006, at 1 (Minnesota OET Application 476307 Request for Review).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See Letter from Mary E. Troxel, State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Nov. 2, 2005, at 1 (Minnesota OET Application 460616 Request for Review); Letter from Cheryle Zollman, Union Baker Education Service District, to Federal Communications Commission, dated Jan. 4, 2007, at 1 (Union Baker Request for Review).

### III. DISCUSSION

- 6. Based on the record before us, we grant the 13 appeals filed by 12 applicants. Specifically, we find that Petitioners have provided evidence to the Commission on appeal demonstrating that each consortia member knew it was represented, and consented to its representation, on the applications.<sup>21</sup> We consider the appeals in three groups below.
- 7. LOAs Dated After FCC Form 471 Certification Date. For five petitioners, consistent with our reasoning in the South Carolina CIO Order, we find that USAC should not have denied the requests for E-rate funding for failure to comply with USAC's new procedure for Funding Year 2005 because USAC did not provide sufficient notice for consortia applicants to comply with the new policy.<sup>22</sup> In Funding Year 2005, USAC began requiring applicants to obtain signed LOAs from each consortium member prior to the certification date of their FCC Form 471.<sup>23</sup> USAC did not post its revised LOA requirements for Funding Year 2005 until approximately halfway through the filing window period.<sup>24</sup> For instance, had a consortium filed its FCC Form 471 between December 14, 2004, when the window opened, and January 10, 2005, when USAC updated the LOA instructions on its website, it would have been impossible for that consortium to comply with USAC's new policy, even though its application may have been valid in all other respects.<sup>25</sup> We therefore find that USAC should not have denied these applications for failure to comply with the new USAC procedure for Funding Year 2005.
- 8. <u>Deficient LOAs Remedied by Evidence on Appeal.</u> For four petitioners Luzerne, Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology, Monterey, and Union Baker we find that evidence submitted on appeal either remedies any deficiencies in their LOAs or is consistent with USAC's guidance that documentation other than LOAs may be accepted as proof of authorization.<sup>26</sup> Specifically, Luzerne provided documents on appeal that prove each consortium member knew it was represented, and consented to its representation, on the application.<sup>27</sup> Luzerne provided WAN Service Agreements that include the information that must be provided to USAC: the name of the person filing the application; the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The Wireline Competition Bureau must conduct a *de novo* review of requests for review of decision issued by the Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.723.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See AES Request for Review at 2; Grand River Request for Review at 1; Midwestern Intermediate Request for Revew at 1; and YCS Request for Review at 2; see also South Carolina CIO Order, 21 FCC Rcd at 5990-91, para.
8. USAC also denied the application of Illinois Century Network because its LOAs were dated after its FCC Form 471 certification date, even though its application was for Funding Year 2004, prior to USAC's adoption of that procedure. We therefore grant Illinois Century Network's appeal in this category, and find that USAC should not have denied its application because its requirement was not yet in effect. See Illinois Century Request for Review at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See LOA Guidance. The LOA instructions were updated on USAC's website on January 10, 2005, and a revised sample of an LOA was made available on February 1, 2005. See FCC Form 471, Item 33, Block 6 (content was last modified on January 10, 2005); February 2005 Announcements, Sample Letter of Agency (LOA) available (2/1/05), at http://www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/news-archive/2005/022005.asp#020105a (retrieved Dec. 10, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> See supra n.12; November 2004 Announcements, Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Filing Window Established (11/05/04), at http://www.universalservice.org/sl/tools/news-archive/2004/112004.asp (retrieved Dec. 10, 2007).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> See supra n.12. In addition, applicants would not have known to check USAC's website for a change made during the funding window.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> See Luzerne Intermediate Request for Review at 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Luzerne Intermediate Request for Review, Exhibit B.

name of the person authorizing the filing of the application; the specific time frame covered; the signature, date, and title of an official who is an employee of the entity authorizing the filing of the application; and the type of services covered. Because the WAN Service Agreements contained all of the same information as an LOA, we find that it is sufficient authorization. On appeal to the Commission, the Monterey County Office of Education (Monterey) submitted the signed LOAs for the current funding year that it had failed to provide to USAC. When LOAs were requested by USAC, Monterey had mistakenly provided its Funding Year 2005 LOAs to USAC. We find, therefore, that Monterey had signed LOAs from its members for the relevant funding year.

9. The Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology (Minnesota OET) submitted to the Commission on appeal a signed LOA for application 460616 that had been unsigned when submitted to USAC and an LOA for application 476307 that included specific services for which consortium leader was authorized to apply.<sup>31</sup> We find that these errors have been corrected with the information submitted to the Commission by the Minnesota OET on appeal. Finally, the Union Baker Education Service District (Union Baker) consortium held a meeting with all the superintendents of its member school districts during which they agreed to apply for E-rate funding and signed their LOAs.<sup>32</sup> One superintendent missed the meeting, but was informed later and agreed; however, he neglected to submit an LOA with Union Baker prior to the filing of its FCC Form 471.<sup>33</sup> Additionally, when USAC requested copies of Union Baker's LOAs, the consortium leader could not locate the original copies for some members, and so had those members execute new LOAs, which USAC rejected because those letters were signed after the FCC Form 471 certification date.<sup>34</sup> On appeal, Union Baker provided a letter from its member superintendents of districts with deficient LOAs certifying to knowledge their districts were represented, and consenting to representation, on the application based on attendance at consortium

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See Luzerne Intermediate Request for Review, Exhibit B; see also LOA Guidance. We note that USAC requested Luzerne's LOAs during consortium review. We caution that applicants must work with USAC to provide the necessary information for USAC to process their applications. USAC's letter to Luzerne clearly stated "[o]ther vehicles to establish this authorization could be a project agreement, a contract, a letter agreement, or other similar document." See Letter from Harold Kastenbaum, Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Michael F. Garzella, Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18, dated Apr. 6, 2006 at 1-2. USAC's guidance regarding LOAs clearly states that LOAs must be signed and dated on or before the postmark date of the FCC Form 471 certification or the date the form was submitted online. See LOA Guidance. While we grant Luzerne's appeal, we note that Luzerne should have provided USAC with the documents during consortium review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See Monterey Request for Review at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> *Id*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> See Minnesota OET Application 460616 Request for Review, Attachment 1 (signed Glencoe-Silver LOA); Minnesota OET Application 476307 Request for Review, Attachment 1 (amended Forest Lake Area Schools LOA). Although the LOA referenced the services for which the consortium leader was authorized to apply, USAC found that LOA did not provide enough specific detail regarding the services. Minnesota OET Application 476307 Request for Review at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Letter from Cheryle Zollman, Union Baker Education Service District, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, dated Oct. 15, 2006, at 1 (Union Baker USAC Appeal).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> *Id.* at 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id*.

meeting prior to filing of FCC Form 471 and on the original, lost LOAs.<sup>35</sup> We find that Baker Union has provided evidence of its authorization to represent its consortium members.

- 10. <u>LOAs Without Timeframe</u>. Finally, for three petitioners, we find that the failure to specify the timeframe covered by the LOA is not sufficient to deny the entire application in these instances.<sup>36</sup> For each of these three petitioners, the LOAs were signed in late 2005 or early 2006 in preparation for submitting a Funding Year 2006 application.<sup>37</sup> We find that the lack of a specified timeframe on the LOA is not a fatal mistake because the members clearly knew that the consortia were applying for funding on their behalf in Funding Year 2006.<sup>38</sup> We therefore direct USAC to accept, in these instances, the LOAs submitted by these 12 petitioners as sufficient to establish authority for the consortia to apply on behalf of their members.
- 11. Accordingly, we remand the underlying applications to USAC for further processing consistent with our actions in this Order. <sup>39</sup> To ensure that the underlying applications are processed expeditiously, we direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a decision based on a complete review and analysis no later than 90 calendar days from release of this Order. We emphasize the limited nature of this decision. Our action here does not eliminate USAC's procedure requiring that an applicant applying for funding on behalf of a consortium have signed LOAs in place prior to submitting an FCC Form 471 or demonstrate its authority through alternative means, such as state statute

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> *Id.* At 4-7. In addition, for Union Baker, we find good cause to waive section 54.720 of the Commission's rules, which establishes a 60-day deadline for affected parties to seek review of decisions issued by USAC. 47 C.F.R. § 54.720. Union Baker could not appeal USAC's decision until it received the certified letter as proof its superintendents knew of the application from the superintendent of a small rural district in a remote location. That district's superintendent had planned to be in the area of Union Baker, but when those plans fell through he had to mail the document to Union Baker, causing the delay. *See* Union Baker Request for Review at 1. Union Baker was only five days late in filing its appeal and has demonstrated that it was making a good-faith effort to comply with the E-rate program's procedures. We therefore find good cause to waive the filing deadline from section 54.720 of the Commission's rules in this instance. *See*, *e.g.*, *Request for Review of Benavides Independent School District*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 12910 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2006) (granting a waiver request when applicant did not receive notice of the requirements for filing an appeal in accordance with Commission rules); *Request for Waiver by Greenfield Public School District*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 2122 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2006) (granting a waiver where the district's technology coordinator was unexpectedly called to active military duty in a time of war).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools Request for Review at 2; Broome-Tioga Request for Review at 1; and Educational Service Unit #8 Request for Review at 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools LOAs; Broome-Tioga LOAs; Educational Service Unit #8 LOAs. These petitioners also submitted additional evidence further establishing that members were aware of the application at issue. See Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools Request for Review at 2 (consortium leader was owner/operator of member charter schools); Brooms-Tioga Request for Review at Appx. F (concurrently signed contracts); Educational Service Unit #8 Request for Review at Ex. B (certifications by members submitted on appeal).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> However, for example, had the LOAs been signed in 2004 for a Funding Year 2006 application, we would have been concerned that members may not have known the consortia were applying for funding on their behalf years after the LOAs were signed, absent other evidence. Therefore, we remind consortia members that each of the five elements of an LOA is an important piece of evidence in establishing knowledge of representation, and consent to representation, on an E-rate application. In this case, including the timeframe covered by an LOA establishes that members are aware of the current application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Nothing in this order is intended to authorize or require payment of any claim that has previously been released by a service provider or applicant, including in a civil settlement or criminal plea agreement with the United States.

or regulation.<sup>40</sup> We continue to require E-rate applicants to submit complete and timely information to USAC as part of the application review process. In the future, however, we direct USAC to reach out to consortia when there are ministerial errors on their LOAs.<sup>41</sup> Furthermore, we emphasize that our actions taken in this Order should have minimal effect on the overall federal Universal Service Fund, because the monies needed to fund this appeal has already been collected and held in reserve.<sup>42</sup>

12. We emphasize that the Commission is committed to guarding against waste, fraud, and abuse and ensuring that funds disbursed through the E-rate program are used for appropriate purposes. Although we grant the appeals addressed here, the Commission reserves the right to conduct audits and investigations to determine compliance with the E-rate program rules and requirements. Because audits and investigations may provide information showing that a beneficiary or service provider failed to comply with the statute or Commission rules, such proceedings can reveal instances in which universal service funds were improperly disbursed or in a manner inconsistent with the statute or the Commission's rules. To the extent the Commission finds that funds were not used properly, the Commission will require USAC to recover such funds through its normal processes. We emphasize that the Commission retains the discretion to evaluate the uses of monies disbursed through the E-rate program and to determine on a case-by-case basis that waste, fraud, or abuse of program funds occurred and that recovery is warranted. The Commission remains committed to ensuring the integrity of the program and will continue to aggressively pursue instances of waste, fraud, or abuse under the Commission's procedures and in cooperation with law enforcement agencies.

### IV. ORDERING CLAUSES

- 13. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and pursuant to the authority delegated in sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Requests for Review as listed in the Appendix ARE GRANTED and REMANDED to USAC for further consideration in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- 14. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and pursuant to the authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, USAC SHALL COMPLETE its review of each remanded application listed in the Appendix and ISSUE an award or a denial based on a complete review and analysis no later than 90 calendar days from release of this Order.
- 15. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority contained in sections 1-4 and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151-154 and 254, and pursuant to the authority delegated in sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> See supra para. 3: see also LOA Guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> For example, Minnesota OET submitted an LOA initially that did not provide enough detail regarding the services for which the consortium leader was authorized to apply. *See* Minnesota OET Application 476307 Request for Review at 1. USAC could have allowed the applicant to remedy that ministerial error, rather than denying the application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> We note that USAC has already reserved sufficient funds to address outstanding appeals. *See*, *e.g.*, Universal Service Administrative Company, Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the First Quarter 2008 (Nov. 2, 2007). Thus, we determine that the action we take today should have minimal impact on the Universal Service Fund as a whole.

that Section 54.720 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.720, IS WAIVED to the limited extent described herein in the case of the appeal of Union Baker Education Service District, Island City, Oregon.

16. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 1.102 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 1.102, this Order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Jeremy D. Marcus Chief Telecommunications Access Policy Division Wireline Competition Bureau

# **APPENDIX**

Applicant	<b>Application Number</b>	Funding Year
Advanced Education Services	469642	2005
Colton, CA	470292	
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	473349	
	484657	
Alliance for College-Ready Public Schools	533112	2006
Los Angeles, CA		
Broome-Tioga BOCES	456766	2006
Binghamton, NY		
Educational Service Unit #8	500386	2006
Neligh, NE	501768	
	505545	
Grand River Network	445271	2005
Princeton, MO		
Illinois Century Network	394841	2004
Springfield, IL		
Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18	506251	2006
Kingston, PA		
Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV	471267	2005
Grove City, PA	472515	
	472637	
	475163	
State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology	460616	2005
St. Paul, MN		
State of Minnesota, Office of Enterprise Technology	476307	2005
St. Paul, MN		
Monterey County Office of Education	496258	2006
Salinas, CA		
Union Baker Education Service District	536433	2006
Island City, OR	536899	
	536770	
Youth Consultation Services	462897	2005
Newark, NJ	462925	
	463495	
	463622	
	463698	
	464484	
	476093	
	482018	
	482113	