



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

January 15, 2013

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable John F. Kerry
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your letter regarding Achieve Telecom Network of MA, LLC. I appreciate your interest in this matter and am pleased to provide the enclosed letter on this issue from the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Telecommunications Access Policy Division.

If you have any additional questions or need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Julius Genachowski

Enclosure



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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The Honorable John Kerry
United States Senate
218 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-2102

Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the concerns of Achieve Telecom Network of MA, LLC (Achieve). Specifically, you inquired about the status of a pending appeal under the federal universal service schools and libraries support mechanism, commonly referred to as the E-rate program. Achieve seeks Commission review of a decision by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that denied funding because USAC determined that Achieve violated the Commission's E-rate rules.

The Commission strives to balance the goal of providing the important benefits of the E-rate program to eligible schools and libraries with the need to protect the integrity of the program and investigate potential waste, fraud and abuse. Achieve's appeal of the USAC decision is under review by the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau (the Bureau) and the staff of the Bureau have met with Ms. Jackson, the owner of Achieve, and communicated with her by phone and over e-mail. Although I am unable to comment on the merits of the petition while it is pending before us, I can assure you that the Bureau is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. B. Harkrader", is written over a horizontal line.

Trent B. Harkrader
Chief
Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau