

September 27, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW, Room TWB-204  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Notice of Ex Parte - Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism,  
Docket 02-6**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On September 27, 2004, representatives from the State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance (SECA), listed below, met with several Commissioners, their staff, and Bureau staff, also listed below.

**SECA Representatives:**

Della Matthis, Alaska  
Wayne Shimizu, California  
Gary Rawson, Mississippi  
Win Himsworth, New York  
Becky Rains, Arkansas  
Daniel Farslow, Ohio and  
Julie Tritt Schell, Pennsylvania

Met with the following individuals at the Commission:

Scott Bergmann from Commissioner Adelstein's office  
Narda Jones, Jennifer Robins, Jennifer Schneider and Mark ?? from the Wireline Competition Bureau.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the following issues:

Freeze on E-rate Funds

SECA members expressed their concern over the August 3, 2004 freeze on the freeze of the application Funding Commitments. The SECA members emphasized that E-rate funds have become mission critical to applicants and that in some states applicants were without Internet Access due to the freeze. SECA members discussed at length with FCC staff the causes of the funding freeze and expressed concerned that more was not done to avert this crisis before now.

Discount Matrix

SECA members again expressed their support for lowering the maximum discount for internal connections from 90% to 70%, and discussed with FCC staff the chances that this rule would change for the 2005 E-rate Funding Year.

One electronic copy of this Notice is being submitted to the Secretary of the FCC in accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Rawson  
Chair  
State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance