SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ITEMS TOO LATE FOR THE AGENDA

III. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 Minute Time Limit per Person)

IV. Business Items
   1. Decision 19-3-6: Virtual Networking System for Datacenters (RFP #520-29-02)
   2. Decision 19-3-7: Core Switch Acquisition (RFP # 520-19-03)

V. ADJOURNMENT

The full packet of materials for this meeting of the Pikes Peak Library District Board of Trustees is available at https://ppld.org/board-trustees

Providing resources and opportunities that impact individual lives and build community
BACKGROUND

E-Rate is a Universal Service Fund Federal program administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under the direction of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to provide funds for Schools and Libraries. E-Rate will fund up to 80% of eligible costs for both Category 1 (Data Transmission Services and/or Internet Access) and Category 2 (access points, routers, switches, hubs, and wiring) services.

FACTS

- PPLD already uses E-Rate Category 1 services through June 2020 (pays for costs associated with PPLD wide area network and internet services)
- Government funding for Category 2 services expire September 30, 2019, potential for Congressional reauthorization in 2020, but not guaranteed
- Information Technology (IT) Department FY19 Capital Budget set aside funds for Data Center Redesign totaling $188K for replacing one Data Center in FY20 and the other in FY21 – estimated costs is $250K per Data Center
- Switch replacement project totaling $185K for FY19 execution
- Data Center redesign will include E-Rate eligible routers, switches, hubs, and wiring, but excludes Data Center servers (estimated cost $110K for servers)
- Leveraging E-Rate Category 2 funding provides opportunity to defray “some” of the estimated $500K Data Center redesign and switch costs
- Potential for FY19 implementation for one or both Data Centers
- E-Rate program requires adherence to ridged timelines and compliance with BOT Financial Guidelines to obtain funds
- PPLD must complete E-Rate process no later than March 27, 2019
- Process is completed once USAC is notified of Board of Trustees approved vendor for the following E-Rate related RFPs;
  - Decision 19-3-6: Virtual Networking System for Datacenters (RFP #520-29-02)
  - Decision 19-3-7: Core Switch Acquisition (RFP # 520-19-03)
- Potential cost savings is $312K (80% of E-Rate eligible $389K) for Data Center
- Potential cost savings for switch acquisition estimated at $40K
- Actual savings will also depend on vendor response to RFP and Category 2 eligible equipment and services included in the technical solution

RECOMMENDATION

This document is for information only. Due to the tight time schedule for E-Rate, additional documents and recommendations will not be available until the day of the Board of Trustees meeting on March 25, 2019, and will be distributed at the meeting.