I am the Technology Coordinator for a K-12 School District in Mississippi and the State of Mississippi has ongoing issues with State awarded 4000 Contracts for LAN circuits. The contract award is in dispute and as such, as has been the case every year, I had not ever received any pricing for my specific school district with which to file. Two weeks ago I emailed questions to my State’s ITS Department about this issue and they noted pricing was posted generically---that did not make much sense to me given the fact that EVERY year prior I had received site specific pricing from the State Vendor under State Contract 4000. Earlier this week, I again emailed my State’s ITS Department concerning my lack of valid accurate pricing with which to file, and yesterday in their reply, it was noted if I was only filing for same circuits as last year, to simply copy last year's FRN information and use all same data, prices, etc. In yesterday’s email, no mention of YESTERDAY being my last day to file and I continued on thinking today was the last day. With all of that going on---the contract disputes at the STATE level, etc.---I thought TODAY, March 23, was the closing and came in first thing to do as I was directed and copy last year's FRN to continue for another year those same services if and until the State Awarded funding contract gets resolved. I had not even gotten into my Portal to notice the pending due date because I did not have any pricing as yet to input and apply with. AS I was out and about visiting my schools al day yesterday, I had resolved to the notion of coming in forst thing this morning and taking care of the 471 for my circuits as I was FINALLY directed, by simply copying last year’s and filing for this year. All of this confusion has stemmed from the disputed awarding of Mississippi’s RFP-4000 contract and its subsequent ramifications.

I am including along with this letter, the two emails I sent to Mississippi’s MDE and ITS Departments along with their responses.

Thank You,