



Sierra Foothill Charter School

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This request is for the waiver of the Funding Year 2018 deadline to file the FCC Form 471 for our organization, Sierra Foothill Charter School, BEN 17001244 Form 471 181043150.

Our small, rural charter school was started seven years ago by the community after the district closed the school in the area due to low enrollment. Prompted by learning students would have to ride the bus over an hour to the next nearest school, the community worked together to open the charter school to serve the students in the area. We currently have 127 students in grades TK-8, most of whom are of low socioeconomic status. Our focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) makes digital access critical to our daily instructional program in all grades. Many of our students do not have Internet access in their homes, so school is the place where they can experience the benefit of digital resources and devices.

It was my error that the Form 471 was submitted after the deadline. I was new to the school and to learning the E-rate process. Technology Coordinator is one of the many hats I wear at our school. Unfortunately, my lack of expertise in this role has potentially cost our school greatly. I followed the previous year's process and completed a Form 470 instead of a Form 471 for our Internet service. Immediately upon discovering my mistake, I filed the Form 471 and notified our provider. I sincerely apologize for my error and the inconvenience this has caused.

Given our extreme budget constraints, we rely heavily on E-rate funding to provide high-speed Internet access to our students. Lack of funding will harm our small rural school by significantly impacting student learning. I humbly request that you please grant this waiver in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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