

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Waiver of	)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline	)	
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Hico Independent School District	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Hico Independent School District, BEN 141023	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018  
RE: FCC Form 471 141023**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Hico Independent School District serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12. In the last 20 years, Hico Independent District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Hico Independent School District went to fill out and certify Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on March 23, less than 24 hours after the window closed. The portal would not let us move forward due to the window being closed.

As the directory of technology of the rural Hico Independent School District works E-Rate into my already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties.

Unfortunately I did not realize that the window was closing earlier this year than in years past

and when I went to file my 471 I realized my error and was unable to proceed. This has never happened before and I assure you it will never happen again.

## **II. Request**

The Hico Independent School District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Hico Independent School District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471. Please consider granting us this waiver and then advise whether the 471 will need to be filed electronically or by paper.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David O'Neal', with a horizontal line underneath.

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