

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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Westmoreland County Federated Library System)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(WCFLS BEN 16038839))	
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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 16038839**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Westmoreland County Federated Library System (“WCFLS”), an alliance of public libraries in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, is dedicated to achieving excellence in providing library and information services for all county residents through the coordination of resources and services, the sharing of information expertise, and the promotion of library staff development for the mutual benefit of all member libraries. Since 2007, WCFLS has been a successful participant of the E-Rate program in terms of the Category 1 (Internet Access) program. Just recently, we applied, for the first time, in Category 2 (Internal Connections) program in 2016.

WCFLS submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 181041848, for Category 2 funding, in the “EPC” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on Friday, March 23, 2018, just 1 day after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of Thursday, March 22, 2018.

Two of our member libraries, Delmont Public Library (EN: 125356) and West Newton Public Library (EN: 125201) have delayed the installation of networking cabling as part of our FY2016 e-Rate project.

Delmont is in the process raising funds to build a new building while West Newton is looking for a new rental space as they have outgrown their current location. As a result, we have submitted a Form 500 to reallocate the unused portions of funds from FY2016 back into the "pot" so that we can use them in the upcoming FY2018 funding.

It was the day after the Form 470 last day of filing that; we learned that both locations would need to be included in FY2018 filing as they're now projecting the new locations to be available in the 2018/2019 fiscal year. West Newton in summer of 2018 and Delmont is expecting to open early 2019. We then submitted the application as soon as possible. With the 28-day open window requirement, this caused our Form 471 filing deadline to be a day late for us.

II. Request

WCFLS respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the WCFLS to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 181041848, due to the late projections of openings of the new library locations. This will allow us to open the locations with the new required cabling needed to support our internal connections infrastructure for public computer access.

Respectfully submitted,



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