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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Spurger Independent School District ) CC Docket No. 02-6

(Spurger ISD, BEN 141388) )

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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 141388**

**I.**  **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Spurger Independent School District serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children in Tyler County in rural Southeast Texas. Since 2003, Spurger Independent School District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Spurger Independent School District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 181041939 in the “E-rate Productivity Center” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on March 26, 2018, just four days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 22, 2018.

A staff member of the rural Spurger Independent School District works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. In addition, the District also has dealt with school closures due to being located in the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Area. Due to these unusual circumstances and difficulties arising from an unusual school schedule the applicant believed there was more time after the 28 day window had closed.

**II.** **Request**

The Spurger 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 Spurger Independent School District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 181041939 due to the unusual scheduling difficulties related to an uncharacteristic and chaotic school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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