March 27, 2018

Federal Communications Commission

RE: Petition for Waiver Regarding Deadline to File Form 471,

BEN #120838, Providence Public Library, (e-Rate/USAC

Category 2, Schools and Libraries Program)

Dear Administrators of the FCC:

Our FCC Form 470, #180029366, for Funding Year 2018, was filed and certified through USAC on 2/21/18. Today, in searching the USAC website for guidance

on the Form 471 filing deadline, I found the posted box indicating that the deadline for filing FCC Form 471 passed three business days ago.

This Form 471 filing is to support WiFi installation within our library, part of a larger renovation project slated to take place in Funding Year 2018 (construction has not yet begun). The loss of USAC funding would be a significant blow to our ability to move forward with this project. Though we are a public library, we are not funded through City property tax millage, unlike many other public libraries, and many parts of our building have not been renovated in more than sixty years.

It is my own unfamiliarity with the USAC website and the filing process that led to this error, for which I take full responsibility – this is the first time I have gone through this filing process. I am pleading with the FCC to grant us our petition for a waiver for the Form 471 filing deadline so that we might be able to move forward with the installation of much-needed WiFi service in our library.

Most sincerely,

Kasandra S. Larsen

Controller