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Sidney Public Library

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This appeal is for acceptance of the library's 471 outside of the cut-off date. Form 470 was filed within the window, and all bids were received within 28 days of the form 470 submission. Final date for bids was March 20, 2018.

More than one bid was received for mobile voice/data from the same service provider. I reached out for assistance on this issue with both my fellow library directors and the USAC website. Ultimately, both proposals were reviewed individually as separate providers. I've included the service provider matrix for reference.

When I began to file the 471 on March 27th (approximately 7pm MDT), I received the message that the filing window had indeed closed. I opened a customer service case request with USAC because it was outside of phone assistance hours. The log of that case is attached as file "#232278 – CC Docket No. 02-6". I immediately followed the guidelines given and completed the submission of 471. File submission time of the 471 is included in file "Review PDF for FCC Form 471 – 181042065 – FY18 471_Internet".

Erate funding is critical for rural libraries to offer Internet services to help bridge the digital divide. Please consider our waiver request to accept our form 471 outside of the filing window.

Sincerely,

Kelly Reisig, Library Director