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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6: Request for Waiver

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to request a waiver for missing the filing deadline to file Forms 471 for the following:

Applicant name: Columbia Board of Education
Entity number: 122351
Form 471 Application number: 191041603
FRN number: 1999076302

The filing deadline was midnight on March 27, 2019 and not March 29, 2019 as was originally thought. Due to focusing on the 2019-2020 budget preparation and working with a new superintendent, I unfortunately misread the deadline date. I have submitted the Form 471 today in the hopes that waiver would be approved for the Columbia Board of Education. This waiver is to continue the support given for past couple of years for the internet service being provided by the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). The Columbia Board of Education currently has a contract with CEN which does not expire until June 30, 2022. With funding of school budgets from tax dollars getting tighter and grant funding from the state and federal government decreasing, the Columbia Board of Education relies on the ERate funding requested through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to help ease some of the burden on town taxpayers. Therefore, I am requesting a waiver for missing the deadline.

For your review, I am included the following for your review:

- Form 471 Application for Application #191041603
- Copy of the Connecticut Education Network contract

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 860-228-8423 or at bciurylo@columbiact.org.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Beverly Ciurylo
Finance Director

Enclosures