

March 30, 2018

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Request for Waiver – Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline  
Catholic Bishop of Chicago Entity Number 17000574  
CC Docket No. 02-6

To Whom It May Concern,

Consistent with precedent,<sup>1</sup> the Catholic Bishop of Chicago requests a waiver of the FY2018 FCC Form 471 application filing deadline under the E-rate program. The waiver is requested for the following application (filed under the Catholic Bishop of Chicago school district – BEN 17000574):

Form 471 Number	Billed Entity Number	School Name
181042012	70364	St Sabina Academy – Chicago

Due to a clerical error, this application was not filed correctly in the E-rate Productivity Center (EPC) before the deadline. When we attempted to log-in to verify all applications had been filed correctly, we received an error message that the system was overloaded and were unable to log back in before the deadline.

As soon as the error was discovered, we submitted the application through EPC. If we had access to the system before the filing window closed, we would have identified this error and filed the application in advance of the deadline.

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<sup>1</sup> See Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259-60, paras. 8 & 9 (2010) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline; filed their FCC Forms 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications; or filed within 30 days despite medical issues); Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Anderson Elementary School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order 27 FCC Rcd 5319, 5319-20, para. 2 (Wireline Com. Bur. 2012) (treating late-filed item 21 attachments like late-filed certifications); Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy for Academic Excellence et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 4747, 4749, para. 4 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2007) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where petitioners were unable to file on time due to reorganizations but still filed with a reasonable time); Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ashtabula Area City Schools et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-06, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 4051 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (dismissing petitions for reconsideration because the petitions failed to identify any material error, omission, or reason for warranting reconsideration, and relied on arguments fully considered and rejected by the Bureau within the same proceeding).

## Relief Sought

On behalf of the Catholic Bishop of Chicago district, we respectfully request that the filing deadline for the single Form 471 listed above be waived, and that the status of the requests be changed from “out of window” to “in window”.

Sincerely,



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