



Columbus Village Library

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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

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Petition for Waiver of

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FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline

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Village of Columbus Library, BEN 201188

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CC Docket No. 02-6

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**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018
RE: FCC Form 471 180031090**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Village of Columbus Library serves a diverse and rural community in southern New Mexico close to the border with Mexico. The Village of Columbus Library has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

Village of Columbus Library submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 180031090, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on April 2, 2018, 11 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 22, 2018 for the 2018 funding year.

As Librarian, I work E-Rate into my already busy work schedule, and I am the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. I filed my first 471 asking for a 10 Mbps DSL line, which the library has had for some time. I was not aware of the opportunity to increase the bandwidth to my library until I worked with the State E-Rate Coordinator and the local vendor to see if fiber or a higher speed connection was available. Because of the availability of higher connectivity speeds, the late filed 470 and 471 should be considered to allow the library to obtain improved Internet access for the community.

II. Request

Village of Columbus Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Village of Columbus Library to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 180031090 to allow E-Rate funding of the increased Internet speeds that will allow the library to better serve the members of their community.

Respectfully submitted,
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