



March 29, 2018

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

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018
CC Docket No. 02-6
Kennett Consolidated School District, SLD Billed Entity # 126206
Form 471 # 181042068 (Certified on March 28, 2018)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

The Kennett Consolidated School District respectfully petitions the FCC for a waiver of the March 22, 2018 deadline for submitting Form 471 applications for E-rate Funding Year 2018.

The District submitted FCC Form 471 #181042068 on March 28, 2018 which is six (6) days past the deadline. We were unable to meet the March 22nd deadline due to having submitted a required FCC Form 470 after February 22. We posted our Form 470 on February 27 and in order to comply with the 28 day bidding period, we had to wait until on or after March 27 to evaluate proposals, select the most cost effective bidder, negotiate and sign an agreement and then submit our form 471 application.

We were late in posting our establishing Form 470 because we were under the mistaken impression that we had a contract renewal available under our existing contract. We discovered this not to be the case on February 27 and we immediately posted our Form 470.

We are aware that in previous years, the FCC has waived the Form 471 deadline for forms submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.¹ We believe that our request presents extenuating circumstances that support the waiver as being in the public interest. First, we substantially tried to comply with the program rules. Second, as soon as we realized that we had to post a Form 470 we did. Third, we filed our form 471 as soon after the deadline as we could and within six (6) days of the deadline.

¹ *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, para. 8 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order).



We hope the FCC will consider it to be in the public interest to grant our waiver request and treat our application as having been timely filed in the form 471 window.

Respectfully submitted,

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