Before the

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )

Petition for Waiver of FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline ) CC Docket No. 02-6

Cobre Consolidated School District, BEN: 143318 )

Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism )

**Petition for Waiver of**

**FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019**

**RE: FCC Form 471 191041681**

The Cobre Consolidated School District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471-191041681 submitted and certified on April 1, 2019, four days outside the filing window.

The Cobre Consolidated School District is a small school district with under 1200 students and as such, staff is responsible for multiple program areas, this is also true of E-Rate filing responsibilities. Cobre has undergone a number of staff changes in this current year. This began with the resignation of Director of Finance, which is the department manager that is directly responsible for the E-rate Coordinator. There have been several departmental changes including the hiring of an Accounting Specialist in September 2018; this position assumed the responsibilities of the E-Rate Coordinator in December 2018. He is still learning how the program works, especially with continuation of existing contracts.

Cobre is located in a rural area in southwest New Mexico where internet service is critical to maintaining communication and providing students and teachers with necessary resources. Prior E-Rate funding has provided for increases of broadband speeds from 9 mbps over T-1 lines to a current speed of 500 mbps to our most rural school; San Lorenzo Elementary which is located 15 miles from the district hub at reduced costs.

We are extremely appreciative for your support in granting this request for waiver of the filing deadline of March 27, 2019. It will serve the best interest of the students of the Cobre Consolidated School District on behalf of our application to ensure adequate connectivity and communications.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of April, 2018.

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