

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Waiver of	)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline	)	
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Explore Academy	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Explore Academy District, BEN 16080774	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018  
RE: FCC Form 471 16080774**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Explore Academy School District ("Explore Academy District") currently serves grades 9 through 12, with plans to include grades 6 and 7 for next year (and 8 the year after that). Since 2014, Explore Academy District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Explore Academy District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, #181042195, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on 4/4/2018, just 13 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 2018 Form 471 filing deadline.

A staff member of Explore Academy District works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. The filing window came amidst Spring

Break and preparations for state-mandated online PARCC testing before that, shifting focus away from E-Rate responsibilities.

## **II. Request**

The Explore Academy District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Explore Academy District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 181042195, due to previously mentioned time constraints.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Newell Ramsey", is written over a horizontal line.

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