**Appeal/Waiver Request CC Docket # 02-6**

**Applicant Name: NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY**

**Entity Number: 127016**

**Funding Year: 2018-2019**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY

BEN: 127016

Application #: 181009955

“Funding Year 2018 Form 471 Certified Outside of Window”

This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the Filing Window for NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Waiver/Appeal Request: Funding Year 2018 Form 471 Certified Outside of Window

Form 471 Information: **181009955**

Funding Request Number(s): FRN: **1899016031, 1899016035, 1899016044, 1899016048**

Total Dollar Amount Requested: **$93,385.20**

Cert. Postmark Date: 04/04/2018

Service Provider Name: CenturyLink Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co FKA Embarq

Service Provider Identification Number: 143001484

Reason for Denial: Funding Year 2018 Form 471 Certified Outside of Window

**Rationale for Waiver Request:** Library staff thought that they had filed and certified the 471 but apparently the 471 was filed but not certified. This was brought to our attention yesterday, April 3 and we certified the form shortly thereafter.

**Process that Led to the Error:** A good faith effort was made to properly meet the filing deadline; however, misinterpretation of application documents led staff to believe that the application had been certified when it had not. However, it was certified within 14 days of the filing window.

**Circumstances to Consider:** Form 471 181009955 was certified on April 4, 2018, within 14 days of the filing window close. Past FCC Rulings such as FCC DA 17-618 have allowed Form 471 applications filed within 14 days of the close of the filing window to be considered. Additionally, the application was completed and filed before the close of the window; only the certification remained to be filed until today.

This request is made on behalf of the Billed Entity for a Waiver/Appeal to be granted based on the extenuating circumstances, and the library’s economic needs. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to review the NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY application for funding during the Funding Year 2018.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at any time, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Brown

Finance Officer

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