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Requests for Waiver and appeal of)	
Decisions of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
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Carnegie City County Library)	
)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

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

April 4, 2018

Request for Waiver of the FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018
RE: FCC Form 471 Number: 181010313; Billed Entity Number: 140985, Certified April 4, 2018

Carnegie City County Library respectfully requests a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 Form 471 deadline for application 181010313.

Carnegie City County Library (The Library) began procurement for the 2018 funding year on February 14, 2018 for their small library which serves Wilbarger County and the communities of Vernon (county seat), Harrold, Lockett, Oklaunion and Northside. in the state of Texas. On March 16, 2018, one day after the allowable contract date for the library, Beth Railsback, Library Director, took a leave of absence due to the critical condition of her mother's health and subsequent death. Ms. Railsback is the sole responsible staff member for E-rate duties at the library. Due to these circumstances, she was unable to complete the procurement and certify the Form 471 by 11:59 EDT on March 22, 2018.

Ms. Railsback returned from her leave of absence on March 27, 2018 after the 2018 Form 471 filing window had closed. She completed the procurement of E-rate eligible services upon her return and certified the Form 471 on April 3, 2018 at 4:26 PM EDT.

In the Academy for Excellence Order released March 9, 2007 the FCC granted Requests for Waiver of the Form 471 filing deadline for applicants who missed the filing deadline due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control such as personal circumstances, illness of staff or illness of family members of staff.

In the Bishop Perry Order, the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC's receipt of the applications did not warrant complete rejection of the application. The above mentioned application was submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing deadline for applicants. In previous years, applications

submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing window were viewed by the FCC as meeting the definition of "slight delay" as referenced in the Bishop Perry Order above.

We acknowledge the Commission's concern and emphasis on retaining discretion to evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis and respectfully request your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Beth Railsback". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth Railsback

Director

Carnegie City County Library