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**April 5, 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  
PAHIN SINTE OWAYAWA, SLD Billed Entity # 66563  
Form 471 # 181042397 (Certified on April 5, 2018)

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Pahin Sinte Owayawa (also known as Porcupine School) ("School") 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 School submitted its FCC Form 471 application today, April 5, 2018, which is two weeks past the March 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline. There were extenuating circumstances that required us to postpone the filing as explained below.

On January 8, 2018 we timely posted FCC Form 470 # 180013344 seeking Internet access service (bundled with Transport) proposals for 10 Mbps service. Our minimum and maximum range of bandwidth was limited to 10 Mbps based on our experience that this level of service was the only available service that was affordable to us. There is only one service provider that provides Internet access to our remote area, located on the Pine Ridge reservation in rural South Dakota.

Upon contacting our existing service provider, we learned for the first time that the vendor had introduced a new pricing plan that allowed us to receive higher bandwidth (25 Mbps) at an affordable price. We desperately need this additional bandwidth but the higher bandwidth, 25 Mbps, was not listed as part of the service request on our Form 470 application. We did not receive any other quotes or proposals in response to our Form 470.

We realized on March 7, 2018, that our Form 470 application would not support the Form 471 application at the 25 Mbps level. We immediately posted a new Form 470 application on March 8, 2018, #180031341, listed the higher bandwidth range of 25 Mbps, and offered another bidding opportunity to all potentially interested service providers.



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The 28 day bidding period ended today on April 5, 2018, and we did not receive any new proposals. Accordingly we have entered into a contract with the proposed vendor for 25 Mbps Internet service and filed Form 471 application # 181042397 on the same date.

We are aware that in previous years, the FCC has waived the deadline for forms submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.<sup>1</sup> We hope that the FCC agrees that our request presents extenuating circumstances that support the waiver of the FCC Form 471 deadline as being in the public interest.

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Respectfully submitted,

By:

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<sup>1</sup> *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).