

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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Ace Leadership High School, BEN 16076836	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
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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 181042333**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Ace Leadership High School Grades 9 through 12 is a charter school in Albuquerque, New Mexico serving 392 students from low income families. Since 2013, The Ace Leadership High School has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Ace Leadership High School submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 181042333, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on April 5, 2018, just 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of the 2018 filing deadline.

A staff member of the Ace Leadership High School works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. With multiple deaths in his

family between 3/16 and 3/31, along with spring break holiday from 3/26-3/30, the form was not able to be filed.

## **II. Request**

In the Bishop Perry Order, the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC's receipt of Forms 471 did not warrant complete rejection of the applications. The Ace Leadership High School and the New Mexico Public Education Department respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Ace Leadership High School to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 18104233, due to the unforeseen family tragedies that lead to the delay.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Gerdes', written over a horizontal line.

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