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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Wagon Mound Public Schools, ) CC Docket No. 02-6

BEN 143302 )

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service )

Support Mechanism )

**Petition for Waiver of**

**FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019**

**RE: FCC Form 471 191041492**

**I.**  **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Wagon Mound Public Schools serves three small rural communities in Northeastern New Mexico. The Wagon Mound Public Schools Business Manager has taken on the role of administering the E-Rate program for the Schools, and has been fortunate in being a successful participant of the E-Rate program for several years. The Schools provide access to resources for students in grades Pre-k through 12th grade, as well as community members that would not otherwise be available.

The Wagon Mound Public Schools submitted and certified their Funding year 2019 FCC Form 471 191041492 utilizing the E-rate Productivity Center of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on March 28, 2019, 6 minutes after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 27, 2019 11:59PM EDT for the 2019 funding year. The Business Manager is the sole person responsible for the E-Rate program at the school district, and typically works on the program in the evenings at home. The Business Manager was in attendance at a budget conference at the time that she was trying to file the 471 application. Because the timing of her attempt to file, and the slow hotel internet connection, the Business Manager was unable to certify prior to the midnight deadline.

**II.** **Request**

Wagon Mound Public Schools respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Wagon Mound Public Schools to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 191041492 to allow E-Rate funding of the critical access to high speed Internet that allows the schools to serve its student population as well as the members of their community in this rural and isolated part of New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

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