

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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Arkansas River Valley Regional Library)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Arkansas River Valley Reg Lib, BEN 139697))	
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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 181042335 BEN 139697**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System (BEN 139697) serves the rural populations of Franklin, Johnson, Logan and Yell Counties in Arkansas. The seven branch library system is located along the Arkansas River in the Ozark highlands region of the state. The Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System has successfully applied for E-Rate discounts since the beginning of the program, and Funding Year 2018 the library submitted an application which will help upgrade the library system's bandwidth by installing fiber internet connections.

Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 181042335, in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) portal of the Schools and

Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) website, on April 4, 2018, 13 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 22, 2018.

The regional library director of the rural Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System works E-Rate into her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. The procurement process to bring fiber internet access to four rural Arkansas counties, including contract negotiation and administrative approval by the Library Board of Directors took longer than expected. The Library wanted to take the extra time necessary to ensure that the desired service and installation was carefully planned before a contract was executed.

II. Request

Arkansas River Valley Regional Library System respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 181042335, due to unexpected delays stemming from extended contract negotiation prior to signing a contract for increased broadband speed for rural branch locations.

Respectfully submitted,



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