

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline

New Braunfels Public Library
(New Braunfels Public Library, BEN: 16057285)
(New Braunfels Public Library Westside Branch, BEN: 16068934)

CC Docket No. 2-6

Schools and Libraries Universal Service
Support Mechanism

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2018
RE: FCC Form 471 BEN: 16057285**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

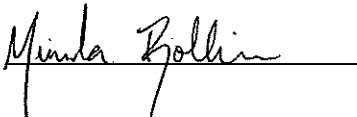
The New Braunfels Public Library serves a diverse community over 75,000 in New Braunfels, Texas and strives to bring equal digital access to all members of the city. Since 2013, the New Braunfels Public Library has been a small but successful participant of the E-Rate program. The New Braunfels Public Library submitted and certified their Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, 181042570, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on April 13, 2018 Form 471, less than 25 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline March 22, 2018. The library would like to refer to the Bishop Perry Order where the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC’s receipt of the applications did not warrant complete rejection of the application.

A sole librarian of the New Braunfels Public Library performs all E-Rate duties in addition to her busy work schedule, which consists of reference librarian duties and maintenance of all digital services within the library. Due to a series of unavoidable and unexpected events within this librarian's personal life during the first few weeks in March 2018, the filing for Form 471 was not completed in time. The library would also like to cite the Academy for Excellence from 3/9/2007, in which the FCC granted Requests for Waiver of the Form 471 filing deadline for applicants who had 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.

II. Request

The New Braunfels Public Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the City of New Braunfels to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 181042570, due to unforeseen circumstances in the life of the sole staff member who works on E-Rate for the library.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miranda Robbins", is written over a horizontal line.

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