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a responsive bid for the new Form 470 and filed a new Form 471 within two weeks of the window close on April 5, 2019. Shortly thereafter, the librarian's computer was struck with a ransomware virus that wiped out her computer and all of her backups.

In the Academy for Excellence Order released March 9, 2007 the FCC granted Requests for Waiver of the Form 471 filing deadline for applicants who 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. Other circumstances validated by the FCC in this order include unclear and vague instructions for filing the Form 471, and technical problems.

In the Bishop Perry Order, the Commission found that a slight delay in USAC's receipt of the applications did not warrant complete rejection of the application.

The above mentioned application was submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing deadline for applicants. In previous years, applications submitted and certified within two weeks of the filing window were viewed by the FCC as meeting the definition of "slight delay" as referenced in the Bishop Perry Order above.

We acknowledge the Commission's concern and emphasis on retaining discretion to evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis and respectfully request your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Chandler". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Susan Chandler
Director
Nesbitt Memorial Library