

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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Bastrop Public Library)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Bastrop Public Library, BEN No. 141689)	
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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, BEN No. 141689**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Bastrop Public Library serves the residents of the City of Bastrop and Bastrop County. Bastrop County is a rural county in Texas with a significant number of low income families. Seventy percent of students enrolled in the Bastrop Independent School District are eligible to participate in the NSLP program. The Bastrop Public Library has participated in the E-Rate program for several years and with the assistance of the resulting E-rate discount has been able to provide high-speed Internet service for the residents of Bastrop County.

The Bastrop Public Library originally submitted to the Universal Service Administration Company a completed Form 471 for the 2018 funding year on March 11, 2018. Although the application was submitted online using the portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administration Company’s (“USAC”) website in March, the employee who submitted the Form 471 was unsure and did not realize that the form had to be certified at the same time it was submitted and thought the submission was complete. Due to a heavy workload, including the responsibility of opening a new FEMA funded emergency shelter, the employee failed to check the status of the Form 471. After receiving an email from USAC that the application had been denied, the employee immediately took the necessary actions to correct the mistake. On April 25, 2018, the Bastrop Public Library

went to the USAC website and Certified their Form 471 (#181021541) for the 2018 funding year.

II. Request

The Bastrop Public Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Bastrop Public Library to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2018 FCC Form 471, #181021541, due to inherent circumstances here.

In closing, 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.

The library would also like to cite 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Mickey DuVall", written over a horizontal line.

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