GEIBEL CATHOLIC

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

May 13, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019

CC Docket No. 02-6

Contact:

Name of School or Library: Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School

School or Library Billed Entity Number (BEN): 16997

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FY 2019 Form 471 Application #: 191042349

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 Form 471 deadline so that our Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the ‘window.’ The Form 471 was submitted on May 13, 2019.

The reason we are requesting the waiver for missing the March 27, 2019 deadline is because we did not request bids for “leased lit fiber” on our original 470, that we filed on 12/19/18. We filed a new 470 (#190030032) on 3/27/19 and went through the bid process until our allowable contract date of 4/24/19. We did not receive any bids from other vendors, so we accepted the contract from Armstrong. The principal was out of the office and not able to sign the contract until today, 5/13/19.

The reason the service was not included on the original 470 is because we did not believe that the school would be able to afford the service, as it has been extremely expensive in previous years. This year, however, the vendor for that area was able to provide a very competitive price point for the service and we would now like to be able provide this service to the school. The 100 Meg dedicated internet that we are requesting will be much more reliable than the current cable modem service and will better serve the growing technology needs of our students as we expand our 1:1 initiative into the junior high grade levels.

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We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.[[1]](#footnote-1) In light of the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to waive the Form 471 deadline for this application.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stickle

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Contract Administrator

1. *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.*; *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259, para. 8 (2010) (*Academy of Math and Science Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)