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Request for Waiver of Form 471	)	
Filing Deadline for Cobre	)	
Consolidated School District	)	Administrator Correspondence Dated
Grant, New Mexico	)	May 25, 2017
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism	)	
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In accordance with Sections 54.719 through 54.721 of the Commission's Rules, Cobre Consolidated School District, requests a Federal Communications Commission (Commission) waiver of the May 11, 2017 deadline for submission of Funding Year (FY) 2017 FCC Form 471 Discounted Services Application.

I am relatively new to the E-rate program and filing for E-rate discounts for Cobre Consolidated School District is one of a dozen job duties I perform. I attend annual E-rate trainings provided by our state, however I am far from an expert. My lack of expertise has caused me to make a mistake with the FY 2017-18 application process for our District. I thought that since we were making no changes to our existing E-rate eligible services that I did not need to post a new FCC Form 470. These are voice and internet access services for which the District is not currently in a multi-year contract. In order to correct this costly mistake, we have posted FCC Form 470 #170083429 to meet state, local and E-rate program rules for procurement.


## **Discussion**

We acknowledge that our District did not initially follow the E-rate procurement requirement to post a FCC Form 470, although we did follow our state and local procurement requirements. We request consideration of this waiver request to allow us to proactively correct our procurement discrepancies, rather than waiting for a denial of funding from USAC. The Commission has granted FCC Form 471 filing deadline waivers in the past, including the Abbotsford Decision, DA12-1998, for 58 applicants for various reasons. Please provide consideration of this waiver request to allow us to correct our mistake rather than penalizing our small, rural, and financially strapped district.

## **Conclusion**

Cobre Consolidated School District has always been a good steward of the E-rate program and has a track record of working to ensure compliance with all rules and timely filing. The District is asking for the Commission to consider this waiver request to allow our corrected FCC Form 470 procurement period to close and our subsequent Form 471 #171049134 to be considered by Universal Service Administrative Company as "In Window."

Respectfully submitted,

  
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