

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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Sumter School District	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(SUMTER, BEN 16064632)	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019  
RE: FCC Form 471 191042072 & 191041471**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Sumter School District (“SUMTER”) serves 16,900 students, 90% of which identify as low income, Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.

SUMTER submitted and certified their Funding Year 2019 FCC Form(s) 471, 191042072 & 191041471, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on April 2 & 10, 2019, within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 27, 2019.

The Technology Director at SUMTER is also the responsible party, at the District, for Filing E-Rate. In addition to running the Technology Department for almost 17,000 students, he is also responsible for Data Services and Power School for the entire District as well as being tasked with solving, hands on technical issues throughout the schools. Despite the many challenges within his schedule and workload,

he was able to get the pertinent information collected and submitted to her E-Rate Consult, Service Associates, Inc. (SAI), in order to file the District's Form 470 before the close of that window.

In order to comply with the District's procurement rules (and those of the Federal E-Rate program) SUMTER was required to Issue Award Notifications and wait a grievance period before filing the applications. Despite scheduling conflicts, and the crippling timing of the resignation of a Full Time Senior E-Rate Compliance Analyst (within SAI,) SUMTER and SAI, were able to 1) complete the workload required in order to comply with the procurement code of the district and of that of the Federal E-Rate Program and 2) file the district's remaining applications during the course of the two weeks just following the March 27 Deadline. SUMTER's the applications were still submitted within two weeks of the original filing deadline.

## **II. Request**

On behalf of Sumter School District, I respectfully petition the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline, to allow the *Out of Window* submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form(s) 471 191042072 & 191041471. To do otherwise would further contribute to unintended consequences of hardship and inequity for the students and teachers of the SUMTER.

We all thank you for your kind attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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