

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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South Plains Academy Charter District)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(BEN # 17003097))	
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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 BEN # 17003097**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The **South Plains Academy Charter** assists young persons who are considered to be “at risk” and/or have “dropped-out” of public educational institutions. South Plains Academy provides them with educational alternatives, which will enhance their ability to achieve higher levels of educational or vocational attainment through remediation, competency based curriculums and programs, which will ultimately prepare them in living successfully in their community **spanning four cities in rural Texas**. Since 1990, South Plains Academy Charter has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The South Plains Academy submitted and certified its Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 application number 191042476 in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website on June 19, 2019, 85 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 27, 2019.

A staff member of the rural South Plains Academy District works E-Rate into his/her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. Unfortunately, due to the lack of fully understanding the filing process, the employee missed the crucial deadline. There is no excuse for this late filing and we ask for consideration to file late. We are a small charter district and cannot afford the lack of funding. If funding desists, our District will find itself in a very difficult predicament. South Plains Academy has successfully submitted all previous forms on time for the past four years. We sincerely apologize for this oversight and ask that you consider our request.

II. Request

The South Plains Academy Charter respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the South Plains Academy Charter District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 application number 191042476, please see above remarks. We appreciate your consideration

Respectfully submitted,

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