

July 27, 2017

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6 Waiver Request for USAC Case #188102
Service Provider: Sierra Telephone
Applicant: Mariposa Unified School District FRN 2845077.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Sierra Telephone Company, Inc. (Sierra Telephone) is submitting this Waiver Request related to our failure to meet the FCC Form 474 invoice deadline for Funding Year 18 (2015-2016) and we are requesting further reimbursement in the amount of \$2,089.74.

Sierra Telephone has been providing E-Rate discounts to schools and libraries since the first funding year and this is the first time that Sierra Telephone has missed a deadline.

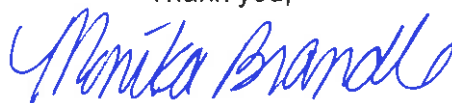
During the fourth quarter of 2015, Sierra Telephone underwent a major system conversion. This conversion resulted in many changes to Sierra Telephone billing and accounting practices, which resulted in delays due to procedural and operational changes.

USAC's E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) system conversion impacted Sierra Telephone's claim processing during this time frame also. The combination of these two system conversions contributed to our failure to meet the FCC Form 474 invoice deadline.

Mariposa Unified School District FRN 2845077 has received all of its E-Rate discounts \$5,898.98. Sierra Telephone has partially been reimbursed for \$3,809.24, leaving an unreimbursed amount of \$2,089.74. If this waiver is granted, Sierra Telephone will be properly reimbursed for services rendered.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,



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