

**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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Rota Public Library)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Billed Entity Number: 16066180))	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver for
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017
RE: FCC Form 471 BEN# 16066180**

I. Introduction and Summary

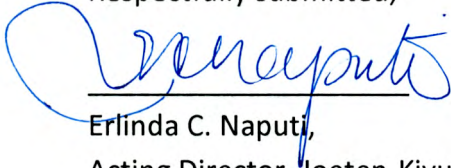
The Rota Public Library ("RPL") serves the community, along with schools, the underserved and low income families and individuals for the entire island of Rota in the Northern Mariana Islands. Since 2012, the RPL has been a successful participant of the E-Rate program. The Rota Public Library, under the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library ("JKPL"), submitted and certified their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, 171049473, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on 7/24/2017, just 74 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 5/11/2017.

A staff member of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, in behalf of the Rota Public Library, works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. As this was the first time to have a second competing Service Provider to be capable of meeting RPL's broadband needs, it was also the first time to initiate a competitive bid with the now two (2) vendors. RPL experienced obstacles in the process of bidding that caused delays, obstacles involving vendor issues and procurement changes within a truncated fiscal deadline for proposal submissions.

II. Request

The Rota Public Library respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the CNMI to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471 171049473, due to the delay from local procurement policies and procedures and vendor issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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