Before the

Federal Communications Commission

Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Petition for Waiver of

FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline

Willamina School District Docket No. 02-6

(Public School District, BEN 144977)

Schools and Libraries Universal Service

Support Mechanism

Petition for Waiver of

FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019 RE: FCC Form 471 191042595

**l. INTRODUCTION**

Willamina School District is a public school in Willamina, Oregon and has partnered with Willamette ESD for several years for E-rate consulting services. Willamina School District was unable to submit the Form 471 before the March 27th deadline.

**ll. SUMMARY**

I was just made aware that I did not file a Form 471 for Willamina School District’s Category 1 reoccurring services. My hire date for Willamette ESD was January 7, 2019. Willamina School District’s primary contact was out of the country for bereavement at that time. When he finally returned in February, I received the information that they would be exercising a one-year extension for their current Category 1 multi-year contract, as well as going out to bid for their Category 2 needs. With very limited time, I filed the Category 2 470 application (the day before the deadline in correspondence to the 471 application deadline and the mandatory 28 day waiting window). In the midst of being new to the program, as well as time restrictions, I misunderstood when I was notified the one-year extension had been “exercised”. The extension had been exercised with the service provider, but I failed to file the Form 471 for those services. We had many delays and complications this year due to many additional factors. The Willamette ESD had to file 12 Out of Window Waivers, which were filed promptly after the deadline (prior to the end of the two week grace period). Had I been aware of this mistake at that time, I would have filed both the application and waiver in a timely manner. The total cost for the line item is $70,800.00. This would significantly impact the district, as a district this size is unable to absorb such a large amount of money and would put them in a massive hardship situation. Their discount this year is 85%, meaning they were expecting a $60,180.00 reimbursement. This is a one-time ask for this specific scenario.

**lll. REQUEST**

Willamina School District respectfully requests the Commission grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline to allow the Out of Window submission of our E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471, application number 191042595, due to the contributing factors listed in the summary above.

Respectfully submitted,



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