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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Auburn Public Schools School District ) CC Docket No. 02-6

(Auburn Public Schools District, BEN 120228 )

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service )

Support Mechanism )

**Petition for Waiver of**

**FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 20xx**

**RE: FCC Form 471** 120228

**I.**  **INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Auburn School District serves pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children spanning the town of Auburn in Massachusetts. Since 2008, Auburn Public School District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Auburn Public School District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471, 191042141, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on April 19, 2019, just 24 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 2019 Form 471 filing deadline.

A staff member of the Auburn Public School District works E-Rate into his/her already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties. The district adhered to USAC’s process by filing a form 470 in time to in turn file a form 471 well within the filing window. While completing the Form 471 an error was noticed in the original Form 470 regarding the service type. Our initial call to support staff, at USAC advised us that we could make a correction without issue but after days of trying to complete this task it was determined that the error could not be corrected on the original Form 470. Had we been able to complete the modification we would have completed our Form 471 within the filing windows. We placed another call on March 25, 2019 to the support staff at USAC. After a discussion we were advised to discontinue our current 470, and start the process again with a new, corrected, form 470. It was understood that we would then be unable to meet the 28-day waiting period, and thus would fall outside the Form 471 filling window. I was advised by USAC staff to complete the process with a new 470 and 471 and request this waiver in order to fulfill our needs as stated in the corrected Form 470 and Form 471. As a district we were not comfortable with filing outside the window but support assured us we could file the request for waiver and possible receive a positive outcome. The district made every attempt to meet all the filing windows but had no choice but refile our forms according thus forcing our 471 outside the window.

**II.** **Request**

The Auburn Public School District respectfully petitions the Commission to reconsider our waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Auburn Public School District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 191042141, due to refiling of our Form 470 as advised by the USAC support staff. The district was on schedule to file all forms within the 2019 window periods and it was only upon the discovery of a simple error that caused us to fall out of the window. We adhered to the process that USAC support advised us to follow, which forced us to complete our Form 471 outside of the filing window. Through this entire process we followed the guidance of USAC support, and it was at their instruction did we discontinue our old form and complete a new form to ensure accuracy in our submissions. Once again our previous form would have met the filing window had we moved forward with he submission. Our district has identified budget to meet our portion of this project. We believe this to be an important project for our district. The upgrading at our wireless system at the identified school will increase access to our students and provide a more stable online learning environment. We are unable to complete this project without support of the E-Rate program. Thank you for your reconsideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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