GEIBEL CATHOLIC

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

August 16, 2019

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request for Appeal of 6/28/19 decision on Waiver of Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019

CC Docket No. 02-6

Contact:

Name of School or Library: Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School

School or Library Billed Entity Number (BEN): 16997

Contact Name, Title: Cindy Stickle, Contract Administrator

Address: 611 E. Crawford Ave., Connellsville, PA 15425-2102

Phone: 724-552-2599

E-mail: erate@geibelcatholic.org

FY 2019 Form 471 Application #: 191042349

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am writing to respectfully request the FCC to grant a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 Form 471 deadline so that our Form 471 E-rate application will be considered as having been filed within the ‘window.’ The Form 471 was submitted on May 13, 2019.

The reason we are requesting the waiver for missing the March 27, 2019 deadline is because we did not request bids for “leased lit fiber” on our original 470, that we filed on 12/19/18. The reason this was not included on the original 470 is because the service was extremely expensive in previous years and we have not been able to apply for this service in the past. This year the price point for the service was very competitive to the cable modem service but did not know this till the end of the filing window since we did not request a bid for this service. We filed a new 470 (#190030032) on 3/27/19 and went through the bid process until our allowable contract date of 4/24/19. We did not receive any bids from other vendors, so we accepted the contract from Armstrong. The principal was out of the office and not able to sign the contract until today, 5/13/19.

The 100 Meg dedicated internet that we are requesting will be much more reliable than the current cable modem service and will better serve the growing technology needs of our students as we expand our 1:1 initiative into the junior high grade levels.

611 East Crawford Avenue• Connellsville, PA 15425 • 724.628.5600 [www.geibelcatholic.org](http://www.geibelcatholic.org/)

We realize that previous precedent is for the Commission to grant Form 471 deadline waiver requests if the Form was submitted within 14 days of the Form 471 deadline.[[1]](#footnote-1) In light of the reasons stated above, we respectfully request the FCC view these extenuating circumstances as good cause to appeal the waiver decision of June 28, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stickle

Cindy Stickle  
Contract Administrator

1. *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.*; *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259, para. 8 (2010) (*Academy of Math and Science Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)