

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of

Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline
Petition for Reconsideration

Ms. Manners Childcare Inc dba Manatee
Learning Academy, BEN 17000563

CC Docket No. 02-6
DA 17-712 released July 31, 2017

Schools and Libraries Universal Service
Support Mechanism

Request for Reconsideration on Petition for Waiver of FCC Form 471
Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017
RE: FCC Form 471 17000563

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

Ms. Manners Childcare Inc dba Manatee Learning Academy serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children in Manatee County, Bradenton, Florida. Since 2016, Ms. Manners Childcare Inc dba Manatee Learning Academy has been a very small but successful participant in the E-Rate program. Ms. Manners childcare Inc dba Manatee Learning Academy submitted and certified their funding year 2017 FCC Form 471, 171049422, in the "Apply Online" portal of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company's ("USAC") website, on July 10, 2017, 60 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of 2017 current filing deadline.

Jessica LeBoff, the President, sole owner, and only person with authorized access to the E-Rate program, was on medical leave from March 6, 2017 until June 23, 2017 and unable to complete the FCC 471 prior to the deadline.

Jessica LeBoff, was hospitalized from multiple procedures due to ovarian and uterine cancer and underwent a rigorous therapy regimen of chemotherapy and radiation during this time causing her to be unable to work.

Upon return to her employment on June 23, 2017 there was a backlog of work that had not been completed by any other person during this time as Jessica LeBoff

was the only authorized person to complete all Department of Education, Department of Children and Families, United States Department of Agriculture and Early Learning Coalition subsidies during this three and a half month absence.


In 2006 and 2007 *Bishop Perry Order and Academy for Academic Excellence Order*, the Commission and Bureau granted waivers to applicant who missed the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline due to personal staff emergencies and circumstances beyond their control. In 2008 the Bureau released the *Acorn Public Library District Order*, in which granted waivers of the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline to applicants who filed their FCC Form 471 application late because of an illness of the E-Rate staff person or the death of a member of their family.

Unfortunately, due to Jessica LeBoff's diagnosis and treatment this halted the application process. Ms. Manners Childcare Inc dba Manatee Learning Academy's students greatly benefit from the service provided by the USAC and there is no evidence of waste, misuse of funds or failure to adhere to any of the other program requirements. There should be a minimal if any impact on the USAC as the funds should already have been held in reserve as previously appropriated as a three year contract for services.

II. REQUEST

Ms. Manners Childcare Inc dba Manatee Learning Academy respectfully requests this Commission to reconsider its previous findings denying Waiver of the Form 471 Filing window due extraordinary and extenuating circumstances beyond control.

Respectfully Submitted,



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