

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Reconsideration of)	
FCC Denial of Petition of Waiver)	
Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School)	CC Docket No. 13-177
(The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School,)	
(BEN# 16035057)	
Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Reconsideration of Denial of Waiver
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2017
RE: FCC Form 471 BEN# 16035057**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School serves low income Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8th families in the North-East Bronx and surrounding areas. Since 2009 The Learning Tree School has been a successful participant of the E-Rate program. The Learning Tree School submitted their Funding Year 2017 FCC Form 471, Application# 171028238, before the May 11th submission deadline.

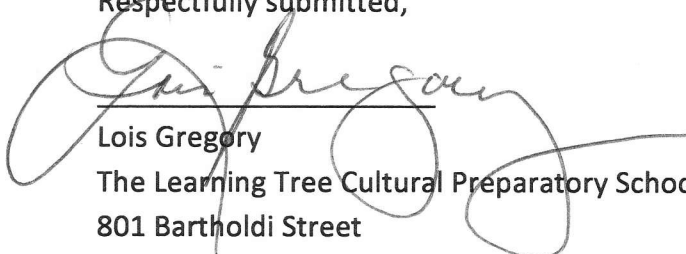
The staff member who filed the USAC Schools and Libraries ERate application for several years is no longer with our school. The staff member who took over the application process experienced a devastating medical emergency while filing the ERate application. The staff member was diagnosed with cancer and had to immediately begin several series of radiation

and other treatments. We had to then solicit the assistance of one of our classroom teachers to assist in the continuing USAC Schools and Libraries ERate application filing. The 471 Form was filed in a timely fashion, however due to the tedious nature of the ERate process, and this staff member being unfamiliar with the certification process, our school missed the filing deadline. Our school is a 501c3 not for profit school and it would have been a struggle for us meeting our communications expense obligations without the ERate Discounts over the past eight years.

II. Request

The Learning Tree Cultural Preparatory School respectfully Petitions for Reconsideration of the denial of waiver for Funding Year 2017, Public Notice DA 17-796, Released August 30, 2017, Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Application# 171028238. We are petitioning for reconsideration due to emergency hospitalization of the staff responsible for submitting the 471 Form.

Respectfully submitted,



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