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Letter of Appeal, CC Docket No. 02-6
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
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Funding Year: 17 (2017-2018)
SPIN: 143011390
Site: Archbold Medical Center
Circuit ID: TUT1179
HCF Circuit ID: 13751-1179
FRN: 1716500

This is a letter to request an extension of the 2017 funding year filing window as pertains to the Rural Health Care Program Telecom Funding for SPIN 143011390. The City of Thomasville is requesting the FCC please allow an extension of time for the Service Provider to resubmit 2017 Invoicing that was denied in previous months.

In the month of July 2018, the City of Thomasville experienced the loss of our team member Karis Mills, whose job duties included overseeing the City of Thomasville's RHC program. Her death was unforeseen and very unexpected. From the time of her passing to the present, the City of Thomasville has been in collaboration with the South Georgia Governmental Services Authority to sort through the program and all that Karis was responsible for. Being that Karis was the responsible party for the RHC procedures, timelines and other requirements; no one else had been trained in the process.

Furthermore, the City of Thomasville underwent Hurricane Michael in October of 2018, which caused extreme damage to our operational grid as well as all surrounding areas. The several weeks following the Hurricane involved all staff members immediate attention. This caused more of a time strain on devoting time to processing the City's RHC invoices as well as confirming all previous filings had been filed and approved.

Around the time of Karis' death USAC denied funding on the City of Thomasville's Telecom invoicing for the above listed circuit. This denial has just recently been discovered as our team diligently combs through all Karis' USAC/RHC correspondence. It is our request that we obtain an extension in order to correct this error. At this time the City of Thomasville requests that the FCC allow them a small window of time to rectify the incorrect filings and continue the RHC program as required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hannah Orr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hannah" being more prominent than the last name "Orr".

Hannah Orr