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Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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RE: CC Docket No. 02-6

This letter is a Request for a Waiver of the FCC Form 471 Filing Window Deadline for Form 471 Application # 993211, for Funding Year 2014: 07/01/2014 – 06/30/2015 for Billed Entity # 127804. The Postmarked Outside of Window Letter, dated August 28, 2014, was sent to the contact for Pinellas County Schools, Shannon Eddinger.

While it is true that the application was filed after the close of the Form 471 filing window, this is due to circumstances that were beyond our control, as explained in the brief narrative below and backed up by the attached documentation.

We were scheduled to have the bid for the service requested in this Form 471, approved at our Board Meeting on March 11, 2014, which would have allowed us to file the Form 471 within the filing window; please reference the attached file, "Attachment #1 - March 11 Board Meeting Purchasing Agenda.pdf".

The item was pulled, based on Florida Law, and the fact a vendor protested the award on March 5, 2014; please reference the attached file "Attachment #2 - GSL Solutions Bid Protest.pdf".

The protest was dismissed on March 7, 2014; please reference the attached file "Attachment #3 - image2014-03-07-145040.pdf". Based on Florida Law and the State of Florida Sunshine Law, we were unable to add the approval of this bid to the March 11, 2014 agenda.

The next School Board Meeting was scheduled for April 8, 2014, at which time the bid award was approved; please reference attached file "Attachment #4 - 14-127pr936tab.doc".

As soon as we knew that the bid could not be approved at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, meaning we would not be able to file our Form 471 within the filing window, we consulted USAC, via the SLD Help Desk. They suggested that we file the Form 471 as soon as the bid was approved with the understanding that we would then have to file a waiver of the filing window deadline as we are doing now.

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We feel that this Request for a Waiver of the FCC Form 471 Filing Window Deadline should be granted, given that we did follow all appropriate USAC procedures for procuring this service and did everything within the window. However, circumstances out of our control, specifically the bid protest, caused us to file outside the Window. The School District should not be penalized because of the vendor protest. Finally, denying this waiver and therefore denying funding of the request contained within the Form 471, would result in a significant financial loss, which would cause undue hardship on our school district.

If you have any questions or require any further information regarding this request, please contact the E-Rate contact for Pinellas County Schools, Shannon Eddinger, at [eddingersh@pcsb.org](mailto:eddingersh@pcsb.org) or (727) 588-6000 ext. 1815.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Galvin'.

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