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Dear Federal Communications Commission,

Re: Request for Waiver

The Crane School Districts respectfully requests that the FCC grant the Crane School Districts a waiver allowing the districts to file FCC Form 472, Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement (BEAR) for the following entities and FRNs:

Crane Elementary School
Bill Entity Number 114414
Funding Year 2012
FCC Form 471 Application Number 840727
FRNs 2280830 & 2280841
Service Provider: Centurylink Centurytel of Oregon, Inc (SPIN 143002613)

Crane Elementary School
Bill Entity Number 114414
Funding Year 2013
FCC Form 471 Application Number 908109
FRNs 2471970
Service Provider: Centurylink Centurytel of Oregon, Inc (SPIN 143002613)

Crane Union High School
Bill Entity Number 114415
Funding Year 2012
FCC Form 471 Application Number 840836
FRNs 2281118 & 2281123
Service Provider: Centurylink Centurytel of Oregon, Inc (SPIN 143002613)

Crane Union High School
Bill Entity Number 114415
Funding Year 2013

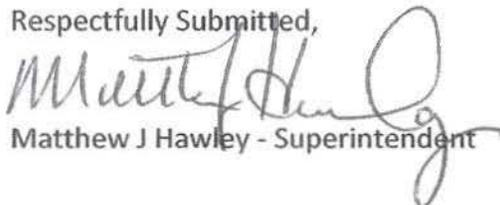
Crane School Districts is submitting an invoice deadline extension request to Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) for the above applications and FRNs. Since this request is outside the 120 day deadline, the Crane School District is required to first file a waiver request with the FCC so an approval can be granted for USAC to extend the invoice deadline.

Crane Elementary School and Crane Union High School are two small rural districts in remote Eastern Oregon. The Crane School Districts did not file Form 472 (BEAR) for the approved Centurylink services simply because they did not have the resources nor the capacity to fully understand the E-rate process. There has been a complete change in administration and it wasn't until the Form 472 was filed for year 2014 by new staff that the Crane School Districts realized, through their service provider Centurylink, that reimbursement for services was not filed for year 2012 and 2013.

The Crane School Districts have suffered from lack of communication, consistency in personnel, and understanding of the process. To small rural school districts it is of utmost importance that every dollar awarded is utilized. The Crane School Districts went through the process and were awarded the dollars but didn't understand that a request for reimbursement was needed. Their other erate awards were received via discounted billing by the service provider. Crane School Districts has acted in good faith and should not be punished for a lack of understanding of a very complicated service. Denying this waiver request would create more of a financial burden to an already struggling rural school system. We would sincerely appreciate your cooperation concerning this issue.

It is important to note that the rules and procedures that are presently in effect for invoice file extension were not in effect in year 2012 and 2013. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew J Hawley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Matthew J Hawley - Superintendent