

# Appeal/Waiver Request

CC Docket # 02-6

Applicant Name: **Lowcountry Leadership Charter**

Entity Number: **16071473**

Funding Year: 2016-2017

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Coastal Leadership Academy  
BEN: 16071473  
Application #: 161057858

“Form 471 Submitted Outside of Window”

**This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the Filing Window for  
Lowcountry Leadership Charter School**

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### Waiver/Appeal Request:

**Funding Year 2016 Form 471 Submitted Outside of window**

Form 471 Information: **161057858**

Funding Request Number(s):

**FRN: 1699134698**

**TOTAL Dollar Amount Requested: \$14,918.80**

**Certification Date: 05/31/16**

Service Provider Name: To be listed at end of document

Service Provider Identification Number: To be listed at end of document

### Reason for Denial:

Funding Year 2016 Form 471 Submitted Outside of Window

**Rationale for Request:**

During the "Erate filling window", I had the responsibility of filing for the School. The school had supplied me with all of the information for the completion of the Form 471.

**Process that Lead To The Error**

I filed over 200 individual 471s. This included applications for 25 clients who engaged our services at the last minute after their current E-rate consultant had a heart attack. As the result of this last minute workload and complications that arose from filing with the new EPC system, I failed to notice that the Form 471s for Lowcountry Leadership Charter were not filed on time, however they were filed and certified within the 14 day window. In addition the Item 21 attachments were filed appropriately.

**Circumstances to Consider**

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- o Form 471 161057858 was certified on May 31, 2016
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**Past FCC Ruling**

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DA 12-1469

September 14, 2012

The Order and Order on Reconsideration reviewed 39 requests from petitioners seeking review of decisions made by USAC under the Erate program. These petitioners were seeking waivers on the Form 471 filing window deadline.

The requests were granted for those schools who filed within 14 days after the filing window deadline.

Justification was cited on past FCC Rules specifically File Nos. SLD-487009, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline or filed their Form 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications); Also, the following order or docket #: CC Docket NO. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC red 354.

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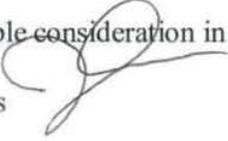
**Form 471s and Associated FRNs with Vendors Effected:**

**471: 161057858**

**FRN: 1699134698 Service Provider Name: ANC**

This request is made on behalf of the Low Country Leadership Charter School for a Waiver/appeal to be granted. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC should be directed to review LOWCOUNTRY LEADERSHIP CHARTER SCHOOL application for funding during the Funding Year 2016.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

  
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