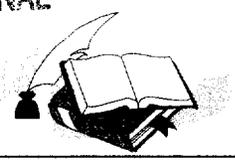


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June 30, 2000

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 Twelfth St., S. W., Room TW-A-325
Washington, D.C. 20554

- Re: 1. Request for window waiver, year 3
- 2. Entity Number 160487-Town of Spring City
 - a. Entity 198215 Audrey Pack Memorial Library
 - b. 470AN:618160000271792

CC: DOCKET # 96-45, DOCKET #97-21

Dear Sir or Madam:

Due to the inaction of the Lawrence, Ks. SLD staff, this library's data was not posted to their website in time to be included in the "window period". We wish to appeal the tardy posting of the E-Rate grant FCC Form 470 for the Audrey Pack Memorial Library (for the year 2000-2001) by SLD staff. We, therefore, request an exception to the standard rules and request you to consider this library in the primary funding "window period" group of libraries as if this application had been posted to the website on time.

Since SLD staff did not post the information in a timely manner, the library will, by standard rules, be excluded from the "window period". As a consequence our funding request will be considered ONLY if there are funds remaining AFTER ALL the "window period" applicants are funded.

From information received after January 10, 2000, it appears the data, was finally posted to the website as changed by a SLD staff member, Paul, on December 13. In other words, twenty-five days after a decision was made, the information was finally posted to the website. Had it been posted in a timely manner, our application would have been approved as a matter of routine.

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Since the delay in posting the form 470 to the website was due to the inaction of SLD staff, we request you to accept this application as having been received on time in the “ window period”.

We appreciate your consideration of our appeal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John P. Conroy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**John P. Conroy,
Chairman,
Library Board**

DETAILS

1. December 9, 1999, form 470 received by your staff. (Copy of receipt attached.)
2. December 13: Paul called from SLD. He asked if the library was a part of a consortium since the billed entity was the Town of Spring City and was listed as the applicant.

I told him the library is a single site, and that we had listed the Town of Spring City as the applicant following a discussion of that point with a member of their staff. (I had thought the listing of the town as the applicant would be confusing to their staff and had called for clarification.)

Paul stated that he was changing the listing to a consortium since the billing address was different from the library address. As part of that discussion he told me the library Entity Number to be included on Form 471, Block 4, item 10(8) was 198215.

I reiterated this is a single site library. He said he understood, but it met the criteria to be considered as part of a consortium due to the two addresses involved. He would make the necessary change.

3. December 15 I called SLD. Talked with Richard. I asked if our application had been posted on the website? He said no, but not to worry it would be posted in due course.
4. December 23 was the last day the application could be posted to SLD website and still meet the 28 day posting requirements of the "window period" which ends January 20, 2000.
5. January 7, 2000 A lady from SLD called to ask if the library is a single site on part of a consortium.

She said it looks like you are a single site but we have you as part of a consortium. I confirmed that we are indeed a single site but bills are paid by the Town of Spring City as shown on the form 470.

Our application was posted that day which was then too late to meet the "window period".

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Kansas 66046

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PS Form 3811, December 1994

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

Acknowledgement of Waiver Request

January 21, 2000

John P. Conroy
Audrey Pack Memorial Library
P.O. Box 382
Spring City, TN 37381

Re: Your Request for Waiver of Application Window
For Program Year 2000-2001

Date Request Received 1/19/00

This is to acknowledge that the Schools and Libraries Division has received your request, cited above, for a waiver of the application window deadline for the Universal Service Program (E-Rate).

We are currently awaiting guidance from the Federal Communications Commission on preferred procedures for handling these waiver requests. As soon as those procedures have been clarified—which we hope will be very soon—your request will be reviewed and acted upon, and you will likely be contacted for further information.

Until that time, though, no further action from you is required.

We very much appreciate our support and patience.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company