

Implementation Deadline Extension Request
Lee County School District
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are a successful applicant, as follows:

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We are requesting Implementation Deadline Extensions for the following applications and FRNs:

Form 471 Application No: 224073
Funding Request Number 525386

Form 471 Application No: 224077
Funding Request Numbers 525612, 525617

Form 471 Application No: 224200
Funding Request Numbers 525784, 525795, 525800, 525804

Form 471 Application No: 224201
Funding Request Numbers 526130, 526199, 526207

Form 471 Application No: 224205
Funding Request Numbers 525717, 525734

Form 471 Application No: 224206
Funding Request Numbers 538770, 538787, 540074

Form 471 Application No: 224207
Funding Request Numbers 526354, 526360

Form 471 Application No: 224208
Funding Request Numbers 538505, 538515, 538522

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Form 471 Application No: 224211
Funding Request Numbers 530004, 538564, 538570

Form 471 Application No: 227159
Funding Request Numbers 525859, 525866, 525890

Form 471 Application No: 228076
Funding Request Numbers 525965, 525973, 525983

We seek this relief under FCC 01-195 paragraph 12, as follows:

Specifically, under the revised rule, applicants will qualify for an extension of the implementation deadline for non-recurring services if they satisfy one of the following criteria: (1) applicants whose funding commitment decision letters are issued by the Administrator on or after March 1 of the funding year for which discounts are authorized; (2) applicants who receive service provider change authorizations or service substitution authorizations from the Administrator on or after March 1 of the funding year for which discounts are authorized; (3) applicants whose service providers are unable to complete implementation for reasons beyond the service provider's control; or (4) applicants whose service providers are unwilling to complete installation because funding disbursements are delayed while the Administrator investigates their application for program compliance.

and under paragraph 13, as follows:

Similar to the requirements outlined in the November 2000 Extension Order, applicants who wish to satisfy criteria (3) should submit documentation to the Administrator requesting relief on these grounds on or before the original non-recurring services deadline. The revised deadline will be calculated based on the date of the Administrator's decision relating to the explanation. For example, if an entity is awarded discounts for internal connections in Funding Year 4, and installation is delayed due to circumstances beyond its control, it will need to file with the Administrator an explanation and evidence of the delay on or before September 30, 2002. If the Administrator grants an extension before March 1, 2003, they will have until September 30, 2003 to complete installation.

Lee County School District has been unable to complete installation and implementation of the services included in this FRN because of funding cuts at the State Government level that have seriously decreased district revenue and our 2001-2002 budget.

Lee County School District is an economically disadvantaged district in a very rural area of South Carolina. Our general operations budget has been cut twice during the 2001-2002 fiscal year. Our general operations funding from the State in 2000-2001 was \$6,636,731; and has been reduced to \$5,859,048 in 2001-2002, which is a \$777,682 shortfall. In addition in 2001-2002 the State eliminated our special technology fund of \$138,000 per year. These events have restricted our ability to fund our un-discounted portion of the project represented by this FRN.

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We respectfully request that the Administrator grant this request and extend the Implementation Deadline for these FRNs to September 30, 2003.

Sincerely,
Lee County School District



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Director of Technology



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