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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

**CC Docket No. 96-45**  
**CC Docket No. 02-6**  
**Waiver Request**

RE: FCC Form 486  
Billed Entity Number: 14735  
Form 471 Number: 462476

The purpose of this letter is to appeal the adjusted service start dates listed on Form 486 Notification Letter dated March 29, 2006 regarding Form 486 Application Number 335827, Identifier #486PY8 WAN.

The original Funding Commitment Decision Letter relating to Form 471 Application number 462476 is dated September 28, 2005. The Form 486 was sent out on January 12, 2006. This Form 486 certified the CIPA requirement and Technology Plan for the consortium with regards to this Funding Commitment Decision Letter. Due to a simple data entry error, the following FRN's were inadvertently omitted from this Form 486: 1273140, 1273148, 1273163, 1273182, 1278683, 1278704, and 1278727. This was a simple human data entry error; the Form 486 included the data from page 5 of 9 on the Funding Commitment Report. Data from pages 6, 7, 8, and 9 were erroneously omitted. Due to staff changes (reassignments, retirements) in the organization over the past year, there are new staff members entering and reviewing the data that have not been involved in the E-rate filing process before. Therefore, this omission was not discovered at the time of filing.

On Monday, March 13, 2006, we were reviewing the status of all outstanding applications and forms. It was at that time that we discovered the error and immediately completed another Form 486 (Form Identifier: 486PY8WAN2) to

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include those FRN's that had been omitted on the original Form 486 and sent it out the same day. As a result, a second Form 486 Notification Letter was issued on March 29, 2006 for these missing FRN's. The service start dates had been changed to 11/11/2005, from the original start dates of 7/1/2005.

The total of all of the FRN's that were inadvertently omitted on the original Form 486 is \$993,872.40. As a result of the change in start dates, \$662,581.60 is the revised funding commitment. This represents a 33% reduction in funding as a result of this simple clerical error, which will have dire consequences for this consortium. These funds are critical to serving the children of the region.

Madison-Oneida BOCES has applied for E-rate funding on behalf of this consortium since the inception of the program in 1998. Throughout these eight years, we have been successful in securing funds for the schools in this region; we take the program and the rules seriously and have always given our full cooperation to all reviewers that have handled our applications. We have successfully completed selective reviews for two of those funding years. We have never been cited for any instances of waste, fraud, or abuse. It would be very unfortunate for the school districts in this area to lose out on this level of funding as a result of a ministerial error. Therefore, we are formally requesting that the Federal Communications Commission consider this request to reinstate the original service start dates on the aforementioned FRN's to July 1, 2005. Your consideration of this request is greatly appreciated.

We commend the original intent for the e-rate program, which was to allow schools and libraries in the United States to obtain affordable telecommunications and Internet access. We look forward to the continued success of this program in reaching this objective.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this request. We look forward to receiving your decision regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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