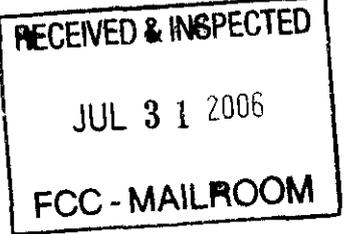


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July 12, 2006

Dear Commission Members;

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6

Alcona County Library, Billed Entity # 131152, is Requesting a Waiver to the deadline filing of Form 486 that resulted in the Denial of Payment ruling for **FRN 1180873, 1181822, 1181260, 1181450, and 1181691** for **Funding Year 2004**. Alcona County Library was not informed of the Denial until my phone call to USAC on **May 9, 2006** and given **case # 21-417975**. In past years we received the reimbursement check from USAC sometime in December but as I heard that things were really behind with the major assistance going to help the Katrina affected schools and libraries I exercised patience. I was off work during February and much of March 2006 for medical reasons. That is why it was May before I made the phone inquiry. There were so many other things that needed attention first at the library. I received no written or verbal notification of the denial of payment due to non-receipt of Form 486. I filed an appeal of the denial of payment decision and received a response dated June 26, 2006 that the decision is unappealable. In light of recent rulings from the Commission, I am asking for a waiver to the deadline filing of Form 486 that resulted in the denial decision.

June and July of 2004 when Form 486 should have been filed was an extremely busy time. We were in the midst of employee turnover. I had talked with Dale Kim at SLD on June 4, 2004 as the PIA Team 7 was inquiring about the services for the frame relay. They were looking for additional information from E-Rate application **425479**. Four of the denied FRNs are for the second year of a three-year contract. The non-filing of Form 486 was just an oversight on my part due to and extremely busy schedule with a new employee and all our Summer Reading programs. There was no attempt to fraud or deceive the USAC on our part. We are a small rural library system in Northeast Michigan that relies on the rebates from USAC to fund most of the cost of our phone and Internet connections. We live in an extremely economically poor county and needed a WAN to connect our four branches and frame relay was the only means available to accomplish this. I was not aware this form had not been filed until my phone call of May 9, 2006. After the completion of service for year 2004 I filed the proper BEAR forms and within the allotted time. I did not received any information at that time that our BEAR request was ineligible because the 486 Form had not been received.

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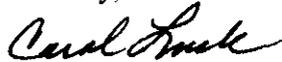
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**I am requesting a waiver** to the receipt of, or the deadline of the 486 Form for Funding Year 2004 for the above mentioned FRNs. There had been recent contact with SLD in June 2004 and this may have led to my thinking that all forms had been filed properly. This request in-part covered a multi-year contract that was enforce. We have been timely in the completion of required forms in the past and have approval of funds for Year 2005 and 2006. We are asking for the waiver of the deadline for filing Form 486 for this particular year only. It would be an extreme hardship on our small rural library system not to receive reimbursement of these funds. I will be happy to supply copies of any forms that are needed.

Thank you for your gracious consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Luck".

Carol Luck, Director