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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: CC Docket No. 02-6  
Petition for Reconsideration/Request for Review/Request for Waiver

To Whom It May Concern:

The Monessen Public Library and District Center is writing to appeal the decision of the Schools and Library Division to deny our appeal for certifying our Form 471 outside the filing window for the 2005-2006 funding year. We realize that we are appealing outside the 60 day appeal window, but our original appeal to the SLD was denied. We are asking that you waive the 60 day appeal deadline in order for our appeal to be reinstated so that it can be considered under the Bishop Perry decision. I have attached a copy of the original letter sent to the SLD appealing our decision.

The Monessen Library depends heavily on the E-rate program to fund our telecommunications to provide services to the economically depressed area in which we are located. We are petitioning your agency to reconsider the denial of our funding request.

Sincerely,

S. Fred Natale, Director

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December 2, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

I am filing an appeal on behalf of the Monessen Public Library and District Center.

Applicant Name: Monessen Public Library

BEN:125183

Application Number as assigned by the SLD: 456244

Name of the Letter and Funding Year: Funding Year 2005 Form 471 Certification Postmarked Outside of Window

Decision that you are appealing: We are appealing the fact that our Form 471 was certified outside the window.

When we filed our Form 471 in February, 2005, we used the electronic certification of the form. We did not realize that the certification was not received by your agency until we looked on the web site in August, 2005. We looked at the web site to check because we had not as yet received our funding commitment letter. At that time, we printed and certified the letter by mail but it was then outside the window. Our library depends on the e-rate funding to provide Internet access to our patrons. Without this funding, it will be difficult, if not impossible, for our library to continue to provide Internet access to those in the community who can not afford this service on their own. We have been receiving E-rate funding for the past seven years, and we have never had this problem before because we generally did paper certifications. When the SLD encouraged applicants to use the electronic certification, we used that method.

We sincerely hope that the SLD will take our record in past years into consideration when they review this appeal. We have always been on time with our forms and submitted them according to the SLD's rules and regulations.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

S. Fred Natale

