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Regional School District

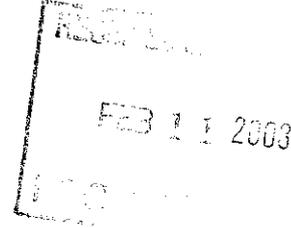
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February 5, 2008

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Federal Communications Commission
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CC Docket No. 02-6
Request for Waiver

To Whom It May Concern:

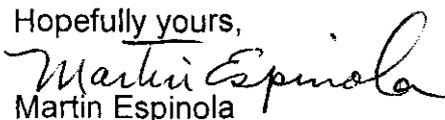
I am requesting a waiver in order to file our school district's SL&D Form 471 one day short of 28 days after filing our Form 470. However, in lieu of that, given the timing of this letter, if an appeal is the correct approach, then let this be an appeal. Here is why our Form 470 was posted a day late and why our Form 471 was filed after 27 rather than 28 days.

I started preparing my Form 470 three weeks before it needed to be posted so as to file Form 471 in a timely manner. However, my district's Technology Committee was still in the process of approving of our plans for next year. The final meeting when this would have happened was cancelled due to a snow storm and so the process was delayed until the 11th hour. I tried to complete our Form 470 the last day it needed to be done but I couldn't get online due to problems with the district's computer servers, problems that were not able to be corrected until the following day. The next day, not knowing what else to do, I filed my Form 470. Then I called the SL&D to explain what had happened and spoke with someone named Anthony who said that I should still proceed to file my Form 471 even if it would be one day late and then appeal the decision not to fund us. I was ready to do that but then recently a colleague in a neighboring school district told me that didn't sound right. Today, February 5th, I called the S&LD again and expressed my concern about the situation. I was told that I should file by the last designated date of February 6th and that my only recourse was to request a waiver from the FCC for that action. I suspect that it might be too late for a waiver and that I might need to file an appeal. Hence the ambiguous content of this request. Please advise.

I don't believe that we should be penalized after making a sincere effort to file our Form 470 and Form 471 in a timely manner. There is no way to predict when a network server will fail or why. We are a small rural school district with very limited resources. We have had to lay off teaching staff in each of the past 4 years. We cannot afford to maintain our district's telecommunications services without the help provided by the e-rate program. Please allow the USAC to fund our e-rate request. Our entity number is 120194. Our Form 470 is #294970000651171.

Thank you.

Hopefully yours,



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FORM 470 RECEIPT NOTIFICATION LETTER
(Funding Year 2008: 07/01/2008-06/30/2009)

January 23, 2008

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Re: Form 470 Application Number: 294970000651171
Applicant's Form Identifier: GMRS47008
Billed Entity Number: 120194
Date Form 470 Posted: 01/11/2008
Allowable Contract Date: 02/08/2008
Corrections Due by: 02/12/2008

This is your notification that the above Form 470, "Description of Services Requested and Certification Form," and related Certification have been received by USAC.

Attached to this RNL is a Report summarizing what information you provided to USAC for the above Form 470, "Description of Services Requested and Certification Form," 294970000651171. Also included are advisories to assist you in appropriate use of the Form 470 to establish funding requests on your Form 471.

Please review this Report carefully to verify that the information accurately reflects your request. You are allowed to correct certain errors on your form but not others. The Report indicates if a correction to a field is allowed.

- If a correction to a field is allowed, follow the instructions below to submit your correction to USAC.
- If corrections are not allowed, you must file a new Form 470.
- It is, therefore, critical that you review and take the appropriate corrective action as soon as possible.

Please note that this letter provides the notice required by the Bishop Perry Order (FCC 06-54, released 5/19/2006), permitting you to review and make allowable corrections to your Form 470 by 02/12/2008. To make an allowable correction, please do the following:

- Verify that the allowed correction can be made through the RNL correction process. Any non-allowed corrections submitted through the RNL correction process will not be made.
- Make a copy of your report and indicate on the copy any allowable corrections in the spaces indicated.
- Sign the copy and include your name, title, contact information, and date.
- Submit the copy to the address posted on the Form 470 RNL page on our website.
- Corrections must be submitted no later than 02/12/2008.
- Retain a copy of the RNL and any submitted corrections.

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