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Subject: Request for Waiver of the USAC E-Rate Form 471 filing deadline
CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6
USAC Entity Name: Worthington Christian Schools, USAC Entity Number 46062

Dear Secretary Dortch:

This letter is a 'Request for Waiver' of the USAC E-Rate Form 471 filing deadline date for the school year 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 for our Worthington Christian School District. The Form 471 filing deadline for the 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 school year was 2/7/2008, and our school was ready and prepared to file our USAC Form 471 by this deadline, but we could not file our USAC Form 471 prior to the 2/7/2008 deadline due to a misunderstanding of when a related USAC Form 470 needed to be filed for the 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 school year.

Our school district successfully applied for and received approval for USAC E-Rate funds during the school year 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008. The 07/01/2007 - 06/30/2008 school year was the first time our school district ever participated in the USAC E-Rate program. When it was time to complete USAC E-Rate forms 470 and 471 for the next school year, 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009, we mistakenly believed we would only need to file a new USAC Form 471, due to the following statement on the USAC online web site:

"A new Form 470 is **not required** if an applicant intends to seek discounts on services provided under a multi-year contract executed under a posted Form 470 in a prior funding year." (Excerpted from <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step03/>)

In our successful USAC Form 471 filings for the 07/01/2007-06/30/2008 school year, we had filed Form 471 requests for two contracts from the same service provider - and one of these contracts was a multi-year contract; however we discovered in early February, 2008, just before the 02/07/08 filing deadline for Form 471 for the 7/01/2008 - 6/30/2009 school year, that our second contract was a month-to-month contract, not a multi-year contract. At this point in time in early February, 2008, we realized for the first time that we should have filed a new Form 470 sometime in early January, 2008. We were honestly confused on this matter due to the statement mentioned above from the USAC online web site.

As a result of the above situation, we did choose to file a late USAC Form 470 on 2/8/2008, knowing that our only hope for getting a USAC Form 471 submitted and approved for the 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 school year would be if we could receive a Waiver Request from the FCC for our Form 471 situation. We currently have an incomplete Form 471 in the USAC online system for the 07/01/2008 - 06/30/2009 school year, and we will quickly complete and submit this Form 471 if we can obtain a waiver from you on this matter.

Sincerely,

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