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Re: Administrator's Decision on Invoice Deadline Extension dated 4/09/10 for Funding year 2010 to 2011, Form 471, Applicant's Form Identifier 03222010.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is an appeal concerning the decision to deny phone and Internet access for the following FRN: 2083981 & 2083982 with service provider Venture Communications, SPIN 143002247, for late filing of Form 471.

The Wessington Public Library has applied and received "e-rate" funding since its inception, so has depended on this funding to keep operating and serve its patrons. We are a very small library in the heart of South Dakota, but we are a vital part of this community. When I started as librarian in 1995, we did not even have phone access, so when this program started, I applied for and received funding for phone and Internet access. Through various other programs, we also received 2 computers for public access.

So I was very distressed when I realized that I had missed the deadline for Form 471 filing, because we depend on that funding very much. This library is open 3 afternoons a week, so this is not my primary job. I am also a Medical Technologist at a near-by hospital. As luck would have it, this last winter was very snowy and icy. My co-worker fell and broke her wrist and shoulder. As a result I had to work much more than my 3 days a week. So the deadline came and went without my notice.

I hope you will reconsider your decision and grant the funding to our library. It will be a considerable hardship to fund phone and Internet access with our tight budget. We will need to raise \$720.00 to keep this service for our patrons. Our total budget this past year was just over \$8000.00 with \$3800.00 coming from our city government. The rest has to come from fund-raisers, community organizations, businesses and individuals.

Thank you for your consideration,

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