

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service ) CC Docket No. 02-6  
Support Mechanism )  
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**COMMENTS OF THE STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY  
DEVELOPMENT, THE ALASKA STATE LIBRARY AND  
THE ALASKA E-RATE COORDINATOR'S OFFICE REGARDING  
CHANGES TO FCC FORMS 470 AND 471 UNDER THE PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT**

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The Alaska Department of Education and Early Development, the Alaska State Library, and the Alaska E-rate Coordinator's office respectfully submits these Comments addressing revisions to Form 470 and Form 471, in accordance with Public Notice DA 10-1248 released July 1, 2010.

The State of Alaska strongly supports the FCC's proposal that streamlining the forms 470 and 471 should occur. We believe that there are many unnecessary or redundant requests for information on the forms 470 and 471, and we applaud your efforts to simplify the program by removing all but the necessary requests for information from applicants. That said, we urge the Commission to recognize that *the timing of any changes to the form 470 and 471 are crucial to applicant success*. Given that these forms are expiring in December of 2010, the Commission may conclude that the most reasonable thing to do would be to make any changes to the forms at this time. We disagree with that swift action and caution you to move slowly in this form revision. We urge you not to implement changes for the FY2011 funding year, as we believe

that this swift change would create the opportunity for errors on the part of both applicants and service providers.

We encourage the FCC to renew, without changes, the current forms 470 and 471 so that the upcoming funding year FY2011 is not effected. This will allow the FCC to proceed in a thoughtful way, with no rushing to execute changes, and will give the applicants and the service providers time to review and prepare for sweeping changes. We firmly support the FCC's goal of streamlining the forms 470 and 471, but wish for these changes to be implemented in a way allows program participants the time necessary to prepare for and study these changes.

Respectfully submitted,

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