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## REQUEST FOR WAIVER

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: CC Docket No. 02-6 and CC Docket No. 96-45

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is a **Request for Waiver of 2007 Form 486 Deadline for all FRNs** associated with the application described below:

1. Funding Year: **2007**
2. Form 471 Application Number: **584844**
3. Billed Entity Number (BEN): **121198**
4. Applicant Name: **Newport School District**
5. Applicant Contact: **Jim Vezina**
6. Applicant Phone: **603-863-3540**
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The Forms 486 for the four FRNS (1622008, 1622019, 1622029, 1622036) in this application were filed but not within the 120 days deadline.

Staff changes and resultant training issues prevented the timely filing of Form 486 for the FY 2007. Those staff issues have been addressed and remedied. Subsequently, the Newport School District has filed all forms for 2009 and 2010 in a timely manner to ensure funding needed to bring telecommunications and information services to their students and patrons.

We acknowledge and recognize the importance of adhering to the USAC deadlines in assisting the Commission in guarding against the waste of program funds. However, no violation of a Commission rule has been made, and no activity to defraud or otherwise abuse the E-Rate program has been engaged, as stated was taken in consideration in making a waiver determination in the June 2, 2010 Order released from the Commission.

A procedural deadline was missed, and we are attempting to correct this error on behalf of the applicant and collect the funding needed to reimburse the Newport School District.

As with other small school districts, the tasks involved working on E-rate applications, such as submitting the timely forms, can be cumbersome if one is inexperienced and time deficient due to other duties. Again, these staffing issues have been remedied and we are now attempting to remedy the funding issues.

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We ask that the original Form 486 filing deadline be waived.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorelei', written over the printed name.

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