

## WAIVER REQUEST

Castroville Public Library is requesting a waiver for filing E-Rate Forms 470 and 471 outside of the deadline – they were filed within 14 days of the deadline.

The Department of Information Resources filed a state master contract for the Form 470, but the Library was later strongly advised by the Texas State Library against using that Form 470 as they have not been able to verify that it was filed correctly. The Library filed a Form 470 (Application # 903920000925008) on March 9, 2011, which was within 14 days of the original deadline. The Library filed the Form 471 (Application #822040) with Item 21 attachments 29 days later, on April 7, 2011.

The Castroville Public Library serves a rural community with limited access to internet service. Many patrons are either unable to receive internet at their homes, or are limited to dial-up or broadband services. For many patrons, the Library is the closest place to use computers with free internet access which they need for job-seeking resources, school work, and more. The Library serves almost 5,000 patrons, and our ability to serve those patrons would be greatly reduced without the help of the FCC and USAC providing discounts through the E-Rate program.

Thank you for your consideration.