

FCC REQUEST FOR WAIVER

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April 6, 2012

I am writing to request a waiver for the late filing of Form 470 (and 471) for the following entity:

Lincoln County Library
181 N. Peachtree
Lincolnton, GA 30817

Billed Entity Number: 152210

Form 470 Application number: 695230001032888, filed on 03/09/2012

Form 471 Application number: 875830, filed on 04/06/2012

There were several reasons for failure to file form 470 (and thus form 471) within the filing window were several and all added together to cause me to miss the filing window:

- 1) Staff member who had previously assisted with filing was hospitalized and consequently passed away during the critical filing window timeframe.
- 2) My own family member (my mother) was (and still is) seriously ill at age 95, and was required for me to be away from work additional time far exceeding my norm in order to assist with her care.
- 3) Major personnel changes at work greatly upset my work schedule (our library director suddenly resigned and required some re-shuffling of job duties in order to cover essential tasks by departmental managers) during this filing window timeframe.

All of the above conspired to throw me completely off my scheduled tasks and caused me to miss the 470 filing deadline. As soon as I realized what had happened and was able to get back to work I completed the 470 and then filed the form 471 28 days after filing the form 470.

The requests that I make on behalf of several libraries in my local library regional system are small, and only for telecommunications needs ("POTS" in all libraries), but even these small amounts of discount to the libraries' telephone bills makes a large impact on their yearly budget. It is very important to these libraries to be able to serve their public as best they can with minimal resources in a time when even their small budgets are being cut, so this e-rate discount to their telephone bills really makes a big difference to their operating budgets every year.

I gratefully ask your consideration in this matter of a waiver request.

Sincerely,

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