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

RE: Request for Waiver of USAC Filing Deadlines for Form 486
CC Docket No. 96-45 and CC Docket No. 02-6

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is to respectfully request that the FCC approve a waiver of the USAC procedural rules regarding the filing of Form 486. For Funding Year 2010, FRN2023571 we failed to follow the necessary timeline for filing of the Form 486 and USAC reduced our funding for that year to zero.

This failure was due to a combination of factors. Our funding request for that year was subject to a USAC audit that significantly delayed approval of our request. We were also dealing with the paperwork required for subsequent funding years. Our attention was not focused on the matter in an on-going way because Charter Communications continued to provide discounted billing on our account as we requested, despite the delay in funding.

In addition, our internal circumstances contributed to the situation as follows:

Coosa County School District did not file the form 486 for the above commitment by the due date of July 18, 2011. This oversight was due to a lack of E-Rate training, a reduction of staff, and the additional responsibilities incurred with the award of a Federal School Improvement Grant, which involved an overwhelming amount of time and paperwork for Kevin Thompson, Technology Coordinator. Due to financial restraints, Mr. Thompson was and still is the only employee in the Technology Department for all Coosa County Schools K – 12 and the district office. Since this time, Mr. Thompson, along with the CSFO, has received additional E-Rate training and subsequent forms will be done in a timely manner.

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The assistance we receive from the E-rate program is vital to our Schools and to have lost our funding as a result only of this procedural failing is devastating. Please consider and approve our sincere request for waiver of the rules that have resulted in our loss of funding. Thanks in advance for your consideration and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Sanford", written in a cursive style.

Dennis R. Sanford
Superintendent