

July 3, 2012

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: CC Docket No. 02-6

Request for Waiver

Wagon Mound Schools is requesting a waiver of the 471 application filing window deadline from March 30, 2012 for Priority 1 services. My name is Teresa Casias and I am the E-rate coordinator for Wagon Mound Schools. This is my second year of processing the applications, and while I am proud to say that I was successful in securing funding the first year I applied, I also must admit, that I missed the deadline in FY 2012 for the filing of the 471 application because I was under the impression that there was only one filing deadline for E-rate funding. I was confused with the forms, and now realize that because I filed the form 470 on March 5, 2012, and I had to wait the 28 days to file the form 471, I regretfully missed the March 30th deadline for the filing of the Form 471 and am now considered filing out of window, and at risk of not being funded. I called Schools and Libraries, and was instructed to file the 471, and submit the Item 21 attachments. I followed those instructions for 471 application number 875762 and later realized I had not included Email Services. I later submitted the Form 471 application number 875949 and the related Item 21 attachments. As of yet, I have not received a Form 471 Receipt Acknowledgment Letter for either filing of those 471 applications. I was waiting to file this appeal until I received that letter, but a representative from HATS informed me that I could file the appeal without that letter.

As a result of missing the 471 deadline, Wagon Mound Schools is at risk of losing this funding. The district is primarily funded based on enrollment through the New Mexico Public Education Department, and it is not seeing any significant changes in enrollment for the next school year. The district is eligible to receive a 90% reimbursement of its telecommunications expenses if it is successful in securing an E-rate allocation. The result of that is approximately \$40,000 per year.

Please accept our sincerest apologies for missing the deadline, and please consider our request for a waiver of the 471 application deadline for approval. The children of Wagon Mound Public Schools appreciate your time and assistance with this request.

Thank you.

Yours in Education,



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