

Re: CC Docket NO. 02-6

Waiver Request:Form 471 Application No. 828657

Entity Number: 138112

Funding Request: 2251977, 2253311, 2253323

Application Status: Certified Out-of-Window on July 19, 2012

Dear Appeal Administrator;

On July 19, 2012; I entered the USAC website to check on the status of my Form 271 at which time I noticed that it was not Certified In-Window. I proceeded to certify the application giving the current status of being Certified Out-of-Window. I did contact the help desk on that day and was told that I would receive notification of the status and that I could file for a waiver.

My request for appeal is based on these factors:

1. During this period of time for certification, I was helping with my ailing mother-in-law who was residing in my home during the beginning of April until her passing on June 24, 2012. My wife only has one sibling who was and is still living with us due to her limited mental ability.
2. This was also my first year as the individual responsible for e-rate and had to deal with a number of issues that needed addressed with my predecessor's prior year application.
3. As this was my first year in this capacity, I was unaware of the urgency needed to complete the certification process. I know the certification date is included in the notification letter but the stress of my family situation at home and my inexperience with this process resulted in this oversight.
4. Finally as soon as I was aware of the situation, I did what I could to correct it and requested assistance. Unfortunately I do not have my case number for this conversation.

It is for these reasons that I am respectfully requesting a waiver for my Form 471 Application with the ID number of 828657 which was Certified Out-of-Window to be considered for funding within the Window.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me anytime.

Respectfully,

Dr. George Griffith,

Superintendent USD208