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FCC –USAC
Schools and Libraries Division – Correspondence Unit
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Parsippany, NJ 07054-0685

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this request for a waiver of the deadline to submit a FCC Form 471. The deadline occurred during a transition of calendar updates. Upon noticing the error, we contacted the USAC/SLD division and asked if anything could be done.

The agent who answered was Melissa, and she gave me a Case # 22-490710. She said that we could still file, but since it was outside the deadline, we would be initially denied and would have to appeal and/or seek a waiver. As she put it, it would be foolish to not try the appeal/waiver route, since the USAC/SLD is always looking for good projects to fund.

We did submit two Forms 471, for applications # 933587 and for # 933729, on April 11, 2013.

We recognize the USAC/SLD is no way responsible for our missing the deadline, but we hope to appeal for a waiver nonetheless, with the simple argument that we need this help. Funding for schools is less and less; we are a high-performance school, but recognize that such funding makes this possible to get a highly valued education without tuition. We serve 53 percent minority and at-risk students. Our Free and Reduced lunch students comprise 41 percent of the student body. We demonstrate extreme frugality with funds and have high results in spite of less money that many public schools around us have. Missing opportunities such as the SLD's E-rate program is a huge loss for us.

We appeal to have the deadline waived and that the USAC/SLD consider our Form 471 for application numbers 933729 and 933587.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 719-302-9006, or at Debbie.swanson@jamesirwin.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Debbie Swanson
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