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Federal Communications Commission

RE: E-rate - Waiver for Reconsideration  
CC Docket No. 02-6

To Whom It May Concern,

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I am writing to request a reconsideration of USAC's Administrator's Decision on Appeal for the Service Start Date on the Form 486 Notification Letter for Funding Year 2012. Our original requested SDD was 7/1/12. But because Form 486 was certified a day late, the SDD was changed to 4/16/13. While it is true that our former employee missed the filing deadline by one day, I am writing to appeal to the higher purpose of this funding.

We had entrusted Katie with the responsibility of applying for E-rate funding. She was normally a very conscientious worker and had successfully done the filing for the year prior, so we had no reason for her not to continue with this responsibility. During our weekly office meetings, we would frequently check in with her on E-rate progress, and she assured us that she was on task and everything was on schedule.

The week before Katie left, she again assured us that everything was fine with E-rate, even though that very week she had certified form 486 a day late. Katie is gone now, but we are left with the aftermath of her incompetence. Our school is losing thousands of dollars that we had counted on in our operating budget. We are a small school whose focus is on families at or below the poverty level. Our mission is to raise our students out of poverty and give them hope for a better quality of life. We rely solely on government funding and private donations for the operation of our school. This penalty, which may be small for other schools, is a significant setback for us. Accordingly, we request that the SDD be changed back to 7/1/12 to greater assist us with our important work.

Please consider the impact to our school when making your final decision. I have attached related correspondence for your reference. Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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