

May 12, 2014

Waiver Request

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
 Federal Communication Commission
 445 12th Street SW
 Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No. 02-6

To whom it may concern:

Apple Academy is respectfully requesting a waiver to the deadline for Funding Year 2014 471 Application Submission.

Entity & BEN	Apple Academy Charter Public Schools (BEN 16073393)
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Application Number	Form 471- Application # 986919
Reason for Waiver Request	Funding Year 2014 – Form 471 Submitted outside of Window
Funding Request No.	2703834, 2704025, 2704169, 2704320, 2704469
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Appeal Explanation:

Apple Academy's normal E-Rate vendor evaluations were severely impacted by the California State's Mandatory Common Core Online Field Test (Smarter Balance) which requires that schools conduct online testing of students from March 24, 2014 to June 6, 2014. In parallel-to and prior-to the 28-day Competitive Bidding Window, the school conducted online practice tests where many issues with their technology infrastructure were discovered.

Like waivers granted in similar cases, ie Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Bishop Perry Middle School, New Orleans, LA, et al., *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, File Nos. SLD-487170, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order*, the impact of mandatory online testing during the 28-day competitive bidding window is a very special circumstance.

The school's Form 471 application was submitted and certified on April 4, 2014. The 14 day window period for the completion of the filings of the applications in these matters was April 9, 2014

The assistance that Apple Academy receives from the E-Rate Program is vital to their school's operation and student achievement. Hence, I respectfully request that Apple Academy is granted a waiver to the 471 deadline due to special circumstances that were detailed above.

Sincerely,

Beverly Sutherland

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