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Waiver Request

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary

Federal Communication Commission

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Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No. 02-6

To whom it may concern:

Guttenberg School District is respectfully requesting a waiver to the deadline for Funding Year 2014 471 Application Submission.

Entity & BEN	<b>Guttenberg School District (BEN 122769)</b>
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Application Number	<b>Form 471- Application # 992027</b>
Reason for Waiver Request	<b>Funding Year 2014 – Form 471 Submitted outside of Window</b>
Funding Request No.	<b>2707549, 2707550</b>
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### Appeal Explanation:

Guttenberg School District is new to the E-Rate program. Their vendor evaluation process was impacted by the process of planning for the infrastructure elements that would be needed to support New Jersey State's Mandatory Common Core Online testing in Spring 2015. In this process, the school's technology needs shifted based on the need to support device concurrency and hence the vendor evaluation process took a little longer than the required 28-day competitive bidding window.

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 is an unusual and extraordinary circumstance.

The school's Form 471 application was submitted on March 27, 2014 and certified online on March 28, 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 Guttenberg School District Center will receive from the E-Rate Program is vital to their school's operation and student achievement. Hence, I respectfully request that Guttenberg School District is granted a waiver to the 471 deadline due to special circumstances that were detailed above.

Sincerely,



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