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# STREAMLINED RESOLUTION OF REQUESTS RELATED TO ACTIONS BY THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

CC Docket No. 02-6 WC Docket No. 21-93 WC Docket No. 02-60 WC Docket No. 10-90 WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42

Pursuant to our procedure for resolving requests for review, requests for waiver, and petitions for reconsideration of decisions related to actions taken by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that are consistent with precedent (collectively, Requests), the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) grants, dismisses, or denies the following Requests.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for filing petitions for reconsideration or applications for review concerning the disposition of any of these Requests is 30 days from the release date of this Public Notice.<sup>2</sup>

#### Schools and Libraries (E-Rate) CC Docket No. 02-6

Dismissed as Moot<sup>3</sup>

Navajo Nation Tribal Consortium, AZ, Application No. 211019879, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 20, 2025)<sup>4</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Streamlined Process for Resolving Requests for Review of Decisions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 06-122, 08-71, 10-90, 11-42, and 14-58, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 11094 (WCB 2014). Sections 54.719(b) and 54.1718(a)(1) of the Commission's rules provide that any person aggrieved by an action taken by USAC, after first seeking review at USAC, may seek review from the Commission. Sections 54.719(c) and 54.1718(a)(3) of the Commission's rules provide that parties seeking waivers of the Commission's rules shall seek review directly from the Commission. In this Public Notice, we have reclassified as Requests for Waiver any appeals seeking review of a USAC decision that appropriately should have requested a waiver of the Commission's rules. Similarly, we have reclassified as Requests for Review any appeals seeking a waiver of the Commission's rules but that are, in fact, seeking review of a USAC decision.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 47 CFR §§ 1.106(f), 1.115(d); see also 47 CFR § 1.4(b)(2) (setting forth the method for computing the amount of time within which persons or entities must act in response to deadlines established by the Commission).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review and/or Requests for Waiver of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Al Noor High School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 8223 (WCB 2012) (Al Noor High School Order) (dismissing as moot requests where USAC has taken the requested action).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> We dismiss this request because the Bureau already granted a special construction service delivery deadline waiver and extended the deadline until June 30, 2026 for Navajo Nation Tribal Consortium in the *June 2025 USF* 

Our Community School, CA, Application No. 251043242, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Varnett Public School, TX, Application No. 161038016, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 30, 2018)

Waltham Elementary School District 185, IL, Application No. 251019344, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 29, 2025)

#### <u>Dismiss – FCC Form 471 Filed Timely</u><sup>5</sup>

Harvey Public Schools, ND, Application No. 251042009, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 28, 2025)

Jefferson Parish Library, LA, Application No. 251040211, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 26, 2025)

Rosendale Library, NY, Application No. 251042279, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 3, 2025)

#### Dismiss – Invoice Fully Paid<sup>6</sup>

Vanguard Classical – Consortia, CO, Application No. 231036320, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 2, 2025)

Dismissing Petitions for Reconsideration<sup>7</sup>

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Streamlined Public Notice. See Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 24-686, 24-134, 10-90, 06-122, Public Notice, DA 25-433, n.31 (WCB rel. June 2, 2025) (June 2025 USF Streamlined Public Notice). We also note that because the special construction service delivery deadline has been extended three times for Navajo Nation Tribal Consortium for this FY 2021 application, we do not anticipate granting another waiver of the service delivery deadline for this funding request. If additional time is needed for the remaining portion(s) of this build, Navajo Nation Tribal Consortium should submit funding application(s) for the portion(s) of the build that cannot be completed by the June 30, 2026 deadline. See Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 21-93, 10-90, 02-60, 18-213, Public Notice, DA 22-575, n.11 (WCB rel. May 31, 2022) (May 2022 USF Streamlined Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Math and Science et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256, 9259, para. 7 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding that petitioners timely filed their FCC Forms 471 within the relevant FCC Form 471 application filing window).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 5250, 5251, para. 3 (WCB 2012) (Diversified Computer Solutions Order) (dismissing appeals as moot where invoicing records demonstrate that the entity was fully compensated for the funding it requested and all submitted invoices were funded).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Allan Shivers Library et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 10356, 10357, para. 2 (WCB 2014) (Allan Shivers Library Order) (dismissing petitions for reconsideration that fail to identify any material error, omission, or reason warranting reconsideration, and rely on arguments that have been fully considered and rejected by the Bureau within the same proceeding).

Archivo Biblioteca, PR, Application Nos. 251042915, 251042916, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 3, 2025)

Fontbonne Academy, MA, Application No. 251042899, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 3, 2025, duplicate filing June 5, 2025)

Hancock County School District, KY, Application No. 251037357, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 3, 2025)

Lee Ola Roberts Public Library, TN, Application No. 251042465, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 24, 2025)

Lighthouse Charter School, TX, Application No. 251043202, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 1, 2025)

Sayre Independent School District 31, OK, Application No. 251042983, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 30, 2025)

#### Late-Filed Petition for Reconsideration<sup>8</sup>

Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, MI, Application No. 241040604, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 3, 2025)

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CIPA Violation – No Public Notice and Hearing/Meeting<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See, e.g., Petitions for Reconsideration by Rockwood School District and Yakutat School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 13004 (WCB 2011) (Rockwell School District Order) (dismissing two petitions for reconsideration because they were filed more than 30 days after the date of the Bureau's decisions); 47 CFR § 1.106(f) (requiring petitions for reconsideration to be filed within 30 days of the date of the Bureau's decision).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> We remand these applications to USAC and direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a funding decision based on a complete review and analysis, no later than 90 calendar days from the release date of this Public Notice. In remanding these applications to USAC, we make no finding as to the ultimate eligibility of the equipment/services or the petitioners' applications. We also waive sections 54.507(d) and 54.514(a) of the Commission's rules and direct USAC to waive any procedural deadline that might be necessary to effectuate our ruling. See 47 CFR § 54.507(d) (requiring non-recurring services to be implemented by September 30 following the close of the funding year); 47 CFR § 54.514(a) (codifying the invoice filing deadline rule).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Although we find that Antilles Military Academy violated one provision of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA), recovery may not be warranted in this situation. The academy admits that it did not conduct at least one public hearing to address its proposed CIPA technology protection measure and Internet safety policy. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5)(A)(iii) (requiring that schools provide reasonable public notice and hold at least one public hearing or meeting to address the proposed Internet safety policy). Although the applicant did not hold a public hearing, we find that this omission is correctable. *See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; A National Broadband Plan for our Future*, CC Docket No. 02-6, GND Docket No. 09-51, Report and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 11819, 11828, para. 21 and n.72 (2011) (2011 CIPA Order) (citing to the Letter from Dana R. Shaffer, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, to Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, CC Docket No. 02-6, Letter, 24 FCC Rcd 417 (WCB 2009) (2009 "Table C" Recovery Issues Letter) and agreeing that USAC should give applicants the opportunity to correct minor errors that could result in violations of the Commission's CIPA rules before instituting recovery of E-Rate funds). Accordingly, Antilles Military Academy should provide public notice and hold a meeting to be able to demonstrate that it has complied with the statute. *See id. at* 11827-28,

Antilles Military Academy, PR, Application Nos. 977731, 975047, Request for Waiver and/or Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 3, 2015)

Contract Agreement in Place<sup>11</sup>

Académie Lafayette Charter School, MO, Application No. 161016876, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 27, 2020)

Demonstrating Extraordinary Circumstances Warranting Invoice Rule Waiver<sup>12</sup>

Del Valle Independent School District, TX, Application No. 181002488, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2020)

Discount Calculation<sup>13</sup>

Holy Spirit School, OH, Application No. 241037694, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 23, 2025)

Eligible Services 14

Santa Ana Unified School District, CA, Application No. 826170, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 3, 2013)

Complied with Competitive Bidding Rules<sup>15</sup>

para. 20 and n. 69 (providing "[i]f the school or library cannot locate any record of a public notice and hearing that was held after August 2004 ... the school or library could provide public notice and hold a hearing or meeting to be able to demonstrate that it has complied with the statute."). We direct USAC to work with the applicant and obtain documentation that a public notice was issued and a meeting or hearing was held pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5)(A)(iii).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Adams County School District 14 et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 6019, 6024, para. 11 (2007) (Adams County School District 14 Order) (granting requests for review in instances where USAC denied funding solely because the execution date of the contract did not accompany the signature lines of both the applicant and the service provider).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> See, e.g., Petition for Reconsideration of a Decision of the Wireline Competition Bureau by Sunesys, LLC (Montebello Unified School District), Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order on Reconsideration, 34 FCC Rcd 7766, 7768, para. 6 (WCB 2009) (Sunesys, LLC Order) (granting an invoice filing deadline extension when the petitioner demonstrated extraordinary circumstances outside of its control).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Academia Claret et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 10703, 10708, para. 12 (WCB 2006) (Academia Claret Order) (remanding applications for further processing when, upon de novo review, the Commission disagreed with USAC's discount calculation determination).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Aberdeen School District 5 et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 2080, para. 1 (WCB 2012) (2012 Aberdeen School District Order) (finding that USAC erred in its eligibility determination regarding the petitioner's requested services).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> See, e.g., Application for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Aberdeen School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 8757, 8763, para. 8 (2007) (2007 Aberdeen School District Order) (granting appeals where the Commission (continued....)

MSD of Martinsville, IN, Application No. 974677, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 2, 2017)

FCC Form 473 Technical Issue<sup>16</sup>

Holmdel Township School District, NJ, Application No. 231039056, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

Granting on Reconsideration – Demonstrating Extraordinary Circumstances Warranting Invoice Rule Waiver<sup>17</sup>

K&M Communications (Fall River Deaconess Home School), MA, Application No. 231007885, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Late-Filed Appeal or Waiver – Submitted Only a Few Days Late<sup>18</sup>

New Mexico School for the Arts, NM, Application No. 251016796, Request for Waier, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 9, 2025)

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications — Application Filed Late Due to Circumstances Beyond Their Control<sup>19</sup>

Grand Isle Supervisory Union, VT, Application No. 251043179, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 13, 2025)

disagreed and found that the applicants had actually complied with the Commission's competitive bidding rules). We find that MSD of Martinsville complied with the Commission's rules and did not enter into a contract with its service provider before the Allowable Contract Date (ACD).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Aurora Public Library, et al.; Schools And Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 2025 WL 1368065, \*4, para. 10 (WCB May 7, 2025) (granting waiver of the invoice filing deadline rule where service provider was unable to timely file its Service Provider Annual Certification due to technical issues).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> See, e.g., Petitions for Reconsideration by Callisburg Independent School District; School and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order and Order on Reconsideration, 28 FCC Rcd 9459, 9461, para. 5 (WCB 2013) (Callisburg Independent School District Order) (granting petition for reconsideration where, upon reconsideration of the record, we do not find that the evidence supports our prior decision); Sunesys, LLC Order, , 34 FCC Rcd at 7768, para. 6 (granting an invoice filing deadline extension when the petitioner demonstrated extraordinary circumstances outside of its control).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by ABC Unified School District, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 11019, para. 2 (WCB 2011) (ABC Unified School District Order) (waiving the appeal and request for waiver filing deadline for petitioners that submitted their requests to the Commission or USAC only a few days late). We remand these applications to USAC and direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a funding decision based on a complete review and analysis. See supra note 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Abbotsford School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 15299, 15300, para. 2 (WCB 2012) (Abbotsford School District Order) (granting waiver where the applicant filed within a reasonable period after the close of the application filing window despite delays beyond its control).

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Application Filed Late Within Reasonable Period Despite School Reorganization<sup>20</sup>

Pella Christian Grade School, IA, Application No. 251043188, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 19, 2025)

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed Late Due to Unexpected Illness<sup>21</sup>

Lee County School District, FL, Application No. 251042271, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 23, 2025)

Kinder Cub School, FL, Application No. 251042945, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 6, 2025)

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed More Than 30 Days Late Due to Serious Medical Condition<sup>22</sup>

Robin Hill Elementary School, OK, Application No. 251043198, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 21, 2025)

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed Within 14 Days of the Close of the Window<sup>23</sup>

Arkansas County Library, AR, Application No. 251042696, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

Candler County School District, GA, Application No. 251042368, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 5, 2025)<sup>24</sup>

Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services, NY, Application No. 251042713, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by A.C.E. Charter High School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 15907, 15908, para. 2 (WCB 2012) (A.C.E. Charter High School Order) (finding special circumstances existed to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed within a reasonable period of the filing window's close despite a school reorganization).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> See, e.g., Academy of Math and Science Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 9259-60, para. 9-10 (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting a waiver request where, for example, there was an unexpected serious illness or death of a family member for the staff member assigned responsibility for E-rate applications).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Archdiocese of San Antonio et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Establishing Emergency Connectivity Fund to Close the Homework Gap, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 21-93, Order, 37 FCC Rcd 4879, 4882-83, para. 7-8 (2022) (Archdiocese of San Antonio Order) (granting waiver requests for FCC Forms 471 filed more than 30 days after the close of the application filing window due to the filer's serious medical conditions).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> See, e.g., Academy of Math and Science Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 9259, para. 8 (finding special circumstances existed to justify granting waiver requests for petitioners who filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days of the application filing window deadline).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> The consultant filing Candler County School District's waiver request listed the incorrect name of the petitioner. We include the correct name in this public notice. We also waive the appeal filing deadline because the petitioner submitted its waiver request to the Commission only a few days late. *See supra* note 18.

Centre County Federation of Public Libraries, PA, Application No. 251001237, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 2, 2025)

Godfrey Lee School District, MI, Application No. 251041973, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

Holland Public Schools, MI, Application No. 251042225, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

La Villa Independent School District, TX, Application No. 251041821, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)<sup>25</sup>

Notre Dame Academy, MA, Application No. 251042588, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 4, 2025)

Reicher Catholic High School, TX, Application No. 251041881, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 19, 2025)<sup>26</sup>

The Phelps School, PA, Application No. 251042449, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2025)

Wide Ruins Community School, AZ, Application No. 251042725, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 2, 2025)

Ministerial and/or Clerical Error<sup>27</sup>

Belvidere School District 100, IL, Application Nos. 251032972, 251019285, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 22, 2025)

Scholarship Prep Schools Oceanside, CA, Application No. 251023325, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 13, 2025)

Scholarship Prep Schools Santa Ana 1, CA, Application No. 251023871, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 13, 2025)

Shawnee Mission School District 512, KS, Application No. 251018405, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 4, 2025)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> We also waive the appeal filing deadline because the petitioner submitted its waiver request to the Commission only few days late. *See supra* note 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> We also waive the appeal filing deadline because the petitioner submitted its waiver request to the Commission only a few days late. *See supra* note 18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ann Arbor Public Schools, 25 FCC Red 17319, 17320, n.5 (WCB 2010) (Ann Arbor Public Schools Order) (explaining that failure to enter an item from the source list onto the application is a ministerial/clerical error that can be permitted correction); Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Archer Public Library et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 23 FCC Red 15518, 15520, n.19 (WCB 2008) (Archer Public Library Order) (permitting corrections when applicant entered an incorrect number of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program, which, if corrected, would raise applicant's discount rate or an applicant mistakenly requested the incorrect discount level).

Ministerial and Clerical Error – Two-in-Five Year Rule<sup>28</sup>

Sandusky City School District, OH, Application No. 659773, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 26, 2011)

Unintentional Cancellation of a Funding Request<sup>29</sup>

Indian Creek School District #425, IL, Application No. 251042249, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 25, 2025)

USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Filing Deadline<sup>30</sup>

Mother of God School, MD, Application No. 231003937, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 4, 2025)

Waiver of Document Retention Rule<sup>31</sup>

Metropolitan School District of Washington Township, IN, Application No. 201008212, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 3, 2021)

Waiver of Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline<sup>32</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> See, e.g., Ann Arbor Public Schools Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 17320, n.18 (allowing the correction of errors when the FCC Form 471 block 4 worksheet was different from the actual funding requests); see also Request for Review and Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by All Hallows Institute School et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 12738, 12740-42, paras. 5, 7 (WCB 2020) (All Hallows Institute Order) (waiving the Category Two "2-in-5 rule" noting the lack of clarity about how the rule operated).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc., et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 19227, 19228-29, paras. 3-4 (WCB 2007) (Joseph Jingoli & Son, Inc. Order) (granting petitioners' requests to restore mistakenly cancelled funding requests). We also grant a waiver to permit the correction of some clerical and/or ministerial errors on its application. See, e.g., Ann Arbor Public Schools Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 17320, n.5 & 20 (explaining that failure to enter an item from the source list onto the application is a ministerial/clerical error that can be permitted correction).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> 47 CFR § 54.514(a)(3); see also Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14426, 14431, para. 15 (2020) (2020 Invoicing Rule Modification Order) (authorizing the Bureau to grant a waiver in instances where a program participant was unable to timely submit an invoice because they were awaiting a post-commitment decision from USAC, or received a decision approving a post-commitment request or granting an appeal of a previously denied or reduced funding request after the invoice filing deadline had passed).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> See Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Eastchester UN Free School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 34 FCC Rcd 7776, 7781, para. 13 (WCB 2019) (Eastchester UN Free School District Order) (granting a waiver after finding that a document retention violation was actually a clerical error and that the competitive bidding documents provided were sufficient in detail for the Commission to determine that all of the bids were carefully considered and the most cost-effective service offering was selected).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Grants/Cibola County School District and Jemez Pueblo Tribal Consortium, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 33 FCC Rcd 10048, 10051, para. 8 (WCB 2018) (Grants/Cibola County School District Order) (waiving the special construction service delivery

Clark County School District, NV, Application Nos. 231037273, 231037299, 231037341, 231037371, 231037395, 231037425, 231037446, 231037468, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)

Duckwater Shoshone Consortium, NV, Application No. 221022093, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)

Elko County School District, NV, Application No. 231009631, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, NV, Application No. 231038929, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 18, 2025)

WANRack, LLC (Schaumburg School District 54), IL, Application No. 231034235, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 18, 2025)

#### Granted in Part/Dismissed in Part/Denied in Part

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications<sup>33</sup>

Ahi Ezer Yeshiva School, NY, Application No. 251042733; Bnos Bais Yaakov, NY, Application Nos. 251042447, 251042745; Brandeis School, NY, Application No. 251042070; Chabad Lubavitch of Southside, FL, Application No. 251042071; Cheder Be'er Yeshaya, NY, Application Nos. 251042754, 251042756; Cheder Chabad Inc., MD, Application No. 251042233; Congregation Yeshiva Beis Chaya Mushka Inc., NY, Application Nos. 251042432, 251042434; Foxman Torah Institute, NJ, Application No. 251042770; Hebrew Academy of Long Beach, NY, Application No. 251042152; Islamic School of Rhode Island, RI, Application Nos. 251042780, 251042786; Maimonides Academy, FL, Application Nos. 251042076, 251042608; Maimonides Hebrew Day School, FL, Application No. 251042752; Mesilas Bais Yaakov, NY, Application Nos. 251042614, 251042617; Mestiva Ateres Yaakov, NY, Application No. 251042774; North Star Christian Academy, NY, Application No. 251042669; Ohr Yitzchock, NY, Application No. 251042801; Rambam High School, NY, Application Nos. 251042607, 251042777; Solomon Schechter School of Queens, Application Nos. 251042606, 251042791; St. Peters Child Care Center, Inc., NY, Application Nos. 251042809, 251042811; Toras Emes Academy of Miami, FL, Application Nos. 251041922, 251041929; Yeshiva Har Torah, NY, Application No. 251042069;

deadline because the applicant was unable to complete implementation for reasons beyond the service provider's control and the petitioner made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures).

We find that the petitioners were unable to complete implementation for reasons beyond their control and made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures. We waive the special construction service delivery deadline and direct USAC to provide the applicants until June 30, 2026 to complete their special construction projects.

For these petitioners, we also waive any associated administrative or procedural deadlines, including the invoice filing deadline, that might be necessary to effectuate our ruling. *See also supra* note 9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> See, e.g., Academy of Math and Science Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 9259, para. 8 (finding special circumstances existed to justify granting waiver requests for petitioners who filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days of the application filing window deadline).

Yeshiva Ohr Boruch, IL, Application No. 251041932; Requests for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 15, 2025)<sup>34</sup>

#### Denied

Failure to Comply with CIPA<sup>35</sup>

Diocese of St. Petersburg, FL, Application No. 839861, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 9, 2015)

FCC Form 470 and RFP Inadequate Specificity<sup>36</sup>

Immaculate Conception School, IL, Application No. 201029133, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 29, 2024)

Ineligible Services<sup>37</sup>

Talmudical Academy Baltimore, MD, Application No. 241039850, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 9, 2024)□

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> We dismiss the request for waiver for Bais Chana Heritage School, Inc., CA, Application Nos. 251042813, 251042816; St. Raymond Academy For Girls, Application No. 251027393; Yeshiva Ketana of Los Angeles, CA, Application No. 251042740; and Yeshiva Rav Isacsohn Academy, CA, Application No. 251042512, because these applications are already classified as "in window" in USAC's system. We deny the request for waiver for Bais Reuvan Kaminetz of Lakewood, NJ, Application No. 251042760, because the petitioner failed to present special circumstances justifying a waiver of the Commission's rules. *See infra* note 38.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(5) (requiring that schools certify that they are enforcing a policy of Internet safety and have in place a technology protection measure as part of the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)). The Diocese of St. Petersburg argues that it does not need a filtering device because the location at issue is an administrative office with no classrooms or students and is not located in or near a school. We reject this argument and find that computers not available to the public are not exempt from the CIPA requirements. Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Children's Internet Protection Act, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 8182, 8196, para. 30 (2001) (2001 CIPA Order) (declining to exempt computers not available to the public from CIPA's requirements after finding that CIPA makes no distinction between computers used solely by school or library staff and those accessible to the public).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> See, e.g., Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Ysleta Independent School District et al.; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 26407, 26410, para. 7 (2003) (Ysleta Independent School District Order) (clarifying that the requirement for a bona fide request for services means that applicants must specify the services/equipment for which they anticipate they are likely to seek discounts consistent with their technology plans, in order to provide potential bidders with sufficient information on the FCC Form 470 [or on an RFP cited in the FCC Form 470] to enable bidders to reasonably determine the needs of the applicant); Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Washington Unified School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13746, 13748, paras. 3-6 (WCB 2013) (Washington Unified School District Order) (finding that the applicant violated the Commission's competitive bidding requirements by failing to include sufficient information on its FCC Form 470 to enable prospective service providers to identify and formulate bids and failed to indicate an RFP was available).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by AllWays, Inc. (Prairie Hills School District 144); Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 1968, 1968-69, para. 1 (WCB 2012) (AllWays Order) (upholding denials of funding requests for services that are ineligible for E-Rate support). For Talmudical Academy Baltimore, a waiver of the thirty percent rule is not applicable when all the requested services/equipment are ineligible.

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications<sup>38</sup>

All Children Learn Differently School, OH, Application No. 251043238, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Center For Spectrum Services-Kingston, NY, Application No. 251010023, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 20, 2025)

Chester County School District, TN, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 1, 2025)

City of Brownsville - Brownsville Public Library System, TX, Application No. 251043147, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 2, 2025)

Clay County School District, KY, Application No. 251043229, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 30, 2025)

Flora Community Unit School District #35, IL, Application No. 251043245, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Holy Family Parochial School, AL, Application No. 251040777, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 24, 2025)

Indianapolis Christian School System, IN, Application No. 251043140, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 28, 2025)

Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter, NY, Application Nos. 251043153, 251043154, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 10, 2025)

Mountain Top Library, NY, Application No. 251042934, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 9, 2025)

Mount Vernon Public Library, NY, Application Nos. 251043115, 251043116, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 23, 2025)

North Lake School District, WI, Application No. 251043234, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 1, 2025)

Palm Harbor Library, FL, Application No. 251043225, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 30, 2025)

Pottsville Free Public Library, PA, Application No. 251043216, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 27, 2025)

Pulaski Community School District, WI, Application No. 251043172, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)

Pulaski Community School District, WI, Application No. 251043173, Request for Waiver, CC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> See, e.g., Academy of Math and Science Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 9261-62, para. 13 (denying waivers of the FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline where petitioners failed to present special circumstances justifying a waiver of the Commission's rules).

Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2025)

Renaissance Academy Charter School of The Arts, NY, Application No. 251043149, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 2, 2025)

Rhema Word Christian Academy, FL, Application No. 251043212, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 26, 2025)<sup>39</sup>

Riceville Community School District, IA, Application No. 251037853, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 26, 2025)<sup>40</sup>

Ririe Joint School District 252, ID, Application No. 251043246, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Sacred Heart Elementary School, NE, Application No. 251043087, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 15, 2025)

San Diego County Library, CA, Application No. 251043064, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 19, 2025)

Sierra Blanca Independent School District, TX, Application No. 251043232, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 30, 2025)

Skagway City School District, AK, Application No. 251042936, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 24, 2025)

St. Anne Institute, NY, Application No. 251043215, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 27, 2025)

St. Joseph's Children's Home, WY, Application No. 251043137, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 5, 2025)

Stoughton Area School District, WI, Application No. 251043190, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 19, 2025)

Trillium Charter, CA, Application No. 251042873, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2025)

Twin Hills School District CO11, OK, Application No. 251010353, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 28, 2025)

Wahpeton School District 37, ND, Application No. 251042819, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 10, 2025)

Western Yell County School District, AR, Application No. 251042155, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

are using the correct application number in this public notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Rhema Word Christian Academy listed the incorrect FCC Form 471 application number in its waiver request. We are using the correct application number in this public notice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Riceville Community School District also failed to submit its waiver request to the Commission within 60 days as required by the Commission's rules. *See infra* note 43.

Late-Filed Invoice or Invoice Deadline Extension<sup>41</sup>

Interface Cable Assemblies and Services Corp. (Glen Cove City School District), NY, Application No. 211003959, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 8, 2025)

MiNet Solutions (Martinsville School District), VA, Application No. 231013067, Request for Waiver, CC Docket Not. 02-6 (filed Apr. 29, 2025)

Stanley G. Falk School, NY, Application No. 231035757, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 13, 2025, referral from USAC filed July 8, 2025)

Sterling Computers Corporation (Cedar Bluffs Public Schools), NE, Application No. 231034269, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 5, 2025)

Transformyx, LLC (Rapides Parish School District), LA, Application No. 221033700, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 11, 2025)

Transformyx, LLC (St. John the Baptist Parish District), LA, Application No. 231030034, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 9, 2025)

Relying on FCC Form 470 That Did Not Seek Bids on Types of E-Rate Services Later Requested<sup>42</sup>

Al-Madrasa Al-Islamiya, NY, Application No. 161045945, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 12, 2025)

Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests<sup>43</sup>

We deny Al-Madrasa Al-Islamiya's appeal of Application Nos. 171038332 and 181036697 on procedural grounds because the school did not timely file its appeals with the Commission and USAC. In this instance, we do not find special circumstances to waive the 60-day deadline rule. *See infra* note 43.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ada School District et al., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 3834, 3836, para. 7 (WCB 2016) (Ada School District Order) (denying waiver requests for invoice filing deadline extensions from petitioners who failed to seek an extension before the invoice filing deadline and did not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances to justify waiving the Commission's rules).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> See, e.g., Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Albert Lea Area Schools et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 24 FCC Rcd 4533, 4541-42, paras. 14-15 (WCB 2009) (Albert Lea Area Schools Order) (finding that petitioners violated the Commission's competitive bidding rules by not including the type of service on the FCC Form 470 the applicant requested on its FCC Form 471); Petition for Reconsideration by Chicago Public Schools; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 9289-90, paras 5, 7, 8, (WCB 2014) (Chicago Public Schools Order) (denying appeals of applicants that filed FCC Forms 470 that did not include the types of services for which the applicants later requested E-Rate funding and finding that petitioner did not demonstrate the existence of special circumstances to warrant a waiver of the Commission's competitive bidding requirements).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Agra Public Schools I-134; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 5684, 5688, para. 6 (WCB 2010) (Agra Public Schools Order); Requests for Waiver or Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Bound Brook School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 5823, 5823, para. 1 (WCB 2014) (Bound Brook School District Order) (denying requests for review and/or waiver on the grounds that the petitioners failed to: (1) submit their appeals either to the Commission or to USAC within 60 days or failed to submit their waiver requests to the Commission

Fayette County Public Library System, WV, Application No. 191036550, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 19, 2021)

Congregation Machzikei Hadas and Power Tech NJ Inc., NJ, Application No. 221036765, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 8, 2025)

Harvest Christian Academy, DE, Application No. 251008805, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 24, 2025)

Holy Family Parish School, IL, Application No. 241028540, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 16, 2025)

Tiferes Bais Yaakov School, NJ, Application No. 241040006, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 12, 2025)

## **Emergency Connectivity Fund Program**

WC Docket No. 21-93

#### Dismiss as Funded44

GovConnection, Inc. (Sandwich School District), MA, Application No. ECF202200513, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Sept. 5, 2024)

Trafera, LLC (Neshannock Township School District), PA, Application No. ECF202201800, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Aug. 29, 2024)

#### Granted

Early Delivery<sup>45</sup>

Kent School District, WA, Application No. ECF202207726, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed June 5, 2025)

Lawrence Family Development Charter School, MA, Application No. ECF202200032, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Apr. 4, 2025)

within 60 days as required by the Commission's rules; and (2) did not demonstrate special circumstances required for the Commission to waive the rule).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> See, e.g., Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc. Order, 27 FCC Rcd at 5251, para. 3 (dismissing appeals as moot where invoicing records demonstrate that the entity was fully compensated for the funding it requested and all submitted invoices were funded). Consistent with the Commission's decision to adopt the similar appeal and waiver rules that govern all of the Universal Service Fund programs, including the E-Rate program, and to leverage existing E-Rate processes and forms in the Emergency Connectivity Fund program, we rely on E-Rate program precedent to resolve these petitions for waiver of the Emergency Connectivity Fund program rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> See, e.g., Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 21-93, 06-122, Public Notice, 37 FCC Rcd 7445, 7459, n.25 (WCB 2022) (granting requests for waivers for equipment delivered before the start of the approved funding year). Consistent with precedent, we also grant Rock Creek School District a waiver of the appeal filing deadline. See also, e.g., ABC Unified School District Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2 (granting waivers of filing deadline for appeals because they submitted their appeals or waiver requests only a few days late or within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of USAC's adverse decision).

Granting Additional Time to Respond to Information<sup>46</sup>

North Bergen School District, NJ, Application No. ECF202104608, Request for Review, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Nov. 21, 2024)

Rock Creek School District I 02, OK, Application No. ECF202206030, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Nov. 19, 2024)

T-Mobile USA, Inc. (San Bernadino Diocesan Schools Consortium), CA, Application No. ECF202110389, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed May 2, 2025)

Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors<sup>47</sup>

Valdosta City School District, GA, Application No. ECF222116178, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed July 11, 2025)

Waiver of the ECF Invoice Filing Deadline<sup>48</sup>

Chapel Hill Independent School District, TX, Application No. ECF202203604, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Aug. 29, 2024)

## **Rural Health Care Program**

WC Docket No. 02-60

#### Dismissed as Moot

Adventist Health, CA, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. RHC20250015943 (filed June 26, 2025)<sup>49</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Accomack County Public School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 38 FCC Rcd 330, 334-35, 337, paras. 7-9, 14 (WCB 2023) (Accomack County Order) (granting requests for review of applicants that had been denied funding during invoicing because they failed to respond to USAC's request for information within the USAC-specified time frame or they made a clerical error on their timely-filed invoice). Consistent with precedent, we also grant Rock Creek School District a waiver of the appeal filing deadline. See also, e.g., ABC Unified School District Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> See, e.g., Ann Arbor Public Schools Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 17320-21, para. 2, n.23 (granting a waiver when applicant mistakenly provided the wrong documentation concerning a purchase). Consistent with precedent, we also grant a waiver of the appeal filing deadline. See also, e.g., ABC Unified School District Order, 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Waiver by Bluum USA Inc et al.; Establishing Emergency Connectivity Fund to Close the Homework Gap, WC Docket No. 21-93, Order, 39 FCC 1049, 1051-52, paras. 9 (WCB 2024) (extending the ECF program's invoice filing deadline for funding requests by 60 days because the applicant or service provider was unable to timely file due to administrative issues). We waive the invoice filing deadline for ECF2290008185, direct USAC to process an invoicing mode change, and provide 60 days from the release date of a new RFCDL to file invoices with USAC. To the extent the petitioner is also seeking a waiver of the service delivery deadline, we deny such requests. We remind petitioners that June 30, 2024 was the final service delivery date for the ECF program and the Commission cannot waive or extend this date to provide any petitioner with additional time to purchase eligible equipment and/or services beyond this statutorily set date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> See Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company, WC Docket No. 02-60, Public Notice, DA 25-509, at 12 (WCB July 1, 2025) (July 2025 USF Streamlined Public Notice). We dismiss request to waive the funding year 2025 application filing deadline as moot. The Wireline (continued....)

Windstream Communications, LLC, TX, Application for Review, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request Nos. 1210028 *et al.* (filed Oct. 15, 2020)<sup>50</sup>

#### Dismissed For Insufficient Documentation<sup>51</sup>

Lead4Life, Inc., MD, Appeal, WC Docket No. 02-60, No Funding Request Number (filed Aug. 24, 2020)

#### Granted

*Majority-Rural Rule*<sup>52</sup>

Baylor, Scott & White Health Consortium (BSWH), TX, WC Docket No. 02-60, Request for Review, Funding Request Nos. RHC20240012570, RHC20240012571, RHC20240012574, RHC20240012582, RHC20240012583, RHC20240012585, RHC20240012605, RHC20240012610, RHC20240012633, RHC20240012642, RHC20240012650, RHC20240012670, RHC20240012673, RHC20240012677, RHC20240012678, RHC20240012682, RHC20240012683, RHC20240012684, RHC20240012687, RHC20240012688, RHC20240012646, RHC20240012639, RHC20240014169, RHC20240014172, RHC20240014174, RHC20240012680, RHC20240014236 (filed May 8, 2025)

Competition Bureau granted Adventist Health's substantively identical request in the *July 2025 USF Streamlined Public Notice*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>50</sup> See Letter from Matthew A. Brill, Latham & Watkins, LLP, Counsel for Windstream Communications, LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC (July 11, 2025) (on file in WC Docket No. 02-60) (withdrawing the Application for Review of Windstream Communications, LLC).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> 47 CFR § 54.721 (setting forth general filing requirements for review of decisions issued by USAC, including the requirement that the request for review include supporting documentation); *see also Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Parties of Requirements for Request for Review of Decisions by the Universal Service Administrative Company*, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 13874 (WCB 2014) (reminding parties submitting appeals to the Bureau of the Commission's rules which require, along with a proper caption and reference to the applicable docket number: (1) a statement setting forth the party's interest in the matter presented for review; (2) a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation; (3) the question presented for review, with reference, where appropriate, to the relevant Commission rule, order or statutory provision; and (4) a statement of the relief sought and the relevant statutory or regulatory provision pursuant to which such relief is sought). Lead4Life, Inc. failed to provide a statement of facts or of the relief sought with its appeal.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> See *Request for Review, Bradford Regional Medical Center*, Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 7221 (WCB 2010) (Bradford RMC Order) (allowing an health care provider to cure a clerical error in which it filed the incorrect form); see also *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, 21 FCC Rcd 5316 (2006) (*Bishop Perry Order*) (waiving the Commission's rules to, inter alia, allow applicants additional time to file their FCC Forms 471 to receive universal service support under the Schools and Libraries mechanism, where applicants' ministerial or clerical errors caused USAC to find that the applications were not complete and thus not filed within the filing window). BSWH says it was a clerical error to include 12 non-rural health care providers in its letter of exemption, which dropped its consortium out of the majority-rural health care providers. We grant the request, authorize USAC to accept a conforming letter of exemption, and direct USAC to treat BSWH as in compliance with the majority-rural requirement when processing its funding requests.

Waiver of the Information Request Deadline<sup>53</sup>

Palmetto State Providers Network, SC, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19612151 (filed Oct. 31, 2023)

#### Granted in Part

Waiver of Deadline to Appeal Funding Decision<sup>54</sup>

Ware County Board of Health (d/b/a Southeast Health District (SEHD)), GA, Request for Waiver and Review, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request Nos. 1579837, 1579839, 1579845 (filed Apr. 28, 2020)

Waiver of Information Request Deadline<sup>55</sup>

Community Care of West Virginia, Inc. (CCWV), WV, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 1965794 (filed Apr. 26, 2021)

Waiver of the Information Request Deadline and Waiver of the Request for Funding Rule to Correct a Clerical Error<sup>56</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 230, 231, para. 3 (WCB 2015) (providing 14 days for funding applicants to submit any requested supporting information). In this case, applicant was asked to provide supporting details for Form 463 invoicing purposes in an email from USAC dated Jan. 6, 2023, and was denied funding on Day 12 of the response window. We waive the petitioner's invoice filing deadline and allow 60 days from the release of this Public Notice to file invoices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> See Bishop Perry Order, 21 FCC Rcd at 5323 (waiving Commission deadline missed due to staff error or confusion). SEHD inadvertently listed an incorrect contract end date with its funding requests, which was reflected in its funding commitment letters. The purported actual contract end date was three months later and reflected in the support schedules issued by USAC. Two years later, USAC noticed the discrepancy in contract end dates, and issued a letter seeking recovery of the three months of funding distributed between the incorrect and purported actual contract end dates because SEHD did not appeal the end date reflected in the funding commitment letters. We find that SEHD's error listing the incorrect contract end date was ministerial in nature and presents no evidence of waste, fraud, abuse, or misuse of funds. We therefore waive the 60-day deadline to appeal the funding commitment letters and remand this matter to USAC for a determination of the correct contract end date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 2922, 2925-26, para. 9 (WCB 2020) ("We waive the 14-day deadline for applicants to respond to information requests from USAC and automatically extend that deadline an additional 28 days. We also direct USAC to consider information that an applicant provides even after the deadline to respond to an information request has expired if the applicant can reasonably attribute such delay to its efforts to combat COVID-19."); Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310, Order, 36 FCC Rcd 7051, 7063, para. 31 (WCB 2021); Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Accomack County Public School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 38 FCC Rcd 330, 333, 337, paras. 5, 14 (WCB 2023) (granting additional time to respond to information requests that had been denied funding because they failed to timely respond to USAC's request for information, as rigid adherence to program procedures would not "serve the public interest" in those cases). CCWV's funding was denied by USAC due to an inadvertent failure to timely respond to one information request out of 48 information requests issued in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic. CCWV cites the distractions created by the pandemic as affecting its ability to timely respond to the information requests. We grant the request for waiver of the information request deadline and allow 28 days from the date of this Public Notice for these providers to respond to USAC's information request.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 2922, 2925-26, para. 9 (WCB 2020) ("We waive the 14-day deadline for applicants to respond (continued....)

Grace Community Health Center, LLC (GCHC) and ENA Healthcare Services, LLC, KY, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request Nos. 20871791, 20872291, 20872421, 20872601, 20872061, 20872321, 20872471, 20872701, 20872181, 20872391, 20872551, 20872861, 2087286, 2087270 (filed May 17, 2021)

#### Denied

Waiver of Invoice Filing and Service Delivery Deadlines<sup>57</sup>

Colorado Hospital Association Broadband Services (CHABS), CO, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request Nos. 20220024164, 20220010623, 20220012638, 20220010683, 20220012244, 20220012159, 20220011307, 20220011318, 2220010807, 20220011925 (filed Aug. 29, 2023)

Waiver of the Invoice Filing Deadline<sup>58</sup>

Northland Healthcare Alliance, ND, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request Nos. 21127321, 21127441, 2112748

#### <u>High-Cost Program (Connect America Fund)</u> WC Docket No. 10-90

Granted

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to information requests from USAC and automatically extend that deadline an additional 28 days. We also direct USAC to consider information that an applicant provides even after the deadline to respond to an information request has expired if the applicant can reasonably attribute such delay to its efforts to combat COVID-19."); *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 17-310, Order, 36 FCC Rcd 7051, 7063, para. 31, n.87 (WCB 2021) (stating that applicants can request extended deadlines for information requests issued on or after Jan 1, 2021 through April 8, 2021). GCHC's funding was denied by USAC due to failure to timely respond to information requests issued on January 28, 2021. GCHC cited the distractions created by the COVID-19 pandemic to explain its failure to respond. We grant the request and allow 28 days from the date of this Public Notice for GCHC to respond to USAC's information requests. We also grant GCHC's request to waive section 54.623 of the Commission's rules to correct clerical errors on its funding request forms for FRNs 2087286 and 2087270. *See Bishop Perry Order*, 21 FCC Rcd at 5326-27, paras. 22-23 (directing USAC to provide applicants with an opportunity to cure ministerial and clerical errors on the FCC Forms that they submit to USAC). We allow 30 days from the date of this Public Notice to submit its corrections of clerical errors for these FRNs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> Requests for Waiver or Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Indiana Telehealth Network, et al., Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 33 FCC Rcd 12341, 12343, paras. 4-5 (WCB 2018) (denying requests for waiver where the appellants failed to present compelling explanations for waivers of the invoice filing deadline); Requests for Waiver by University of Virginia Health System Center for Telehealth and Lumos Networks, Inc., Rural Health Care Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 38 FCC Rcd 1041, 1042-43, paras. 5-7 (WCB 2023) (noting that a health care provider should show specific "special circumstances" warranting an invoice filing deadline waiver due to a service provider's failure to timely submit its Form 463). The waiver request does not offer any explanation or "special circumstances" specific to its situation in support of its request.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Requests for Waiver or Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Indiana Telehealth Network, et al., Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 33 FCC Rcd 12341, 12343, paras. 4-5 (WCB 2018) (denying requests for waiver where the appellants failed to present compelling explanations for waivers of the invoice filing deadline). Northland Health Alliance does not state special circumstances warranting a waiver of the invoice filing deadline, as staffing shortages do not qualify as the basis for such a waiver.

High Cost Performance Measures Module (PMM) Certification Reporting<sup>59</sup>

Lumos Telephone, LLC and Lumos Telephone of Botetourt Emergency Request for Expedited Treatment Petition for Waiver, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed May 23, 2025).

# Lifeline Program

**WC** Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42

Dismissed as Moot<sup>60</sup>

CFR §54.313(j)(2024)).

Withdrawn Lifeline Program Compliance Plan Submissions

IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile Second Amended Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Mar. 13, 2024); IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile Third Amended Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197, 11-42 (filed Apr. 4, 2025)<sup>61</sup>

TerraCom, Inc. Fifth Revised Compliance Plan, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Mar. 1, 2023)<sup>62</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Lumos Telephone, LLC and Lumos Telephone of Botetourt, LLC did not timely upload or certify their first quarter 2023 testing data as required by 47 CFR §54.313(j)(2024). Lumos Telephone and Lumos Telephone of Botetourt are considered certified as of the date they clearly communicated to USAC regarding data or system issues affecting PMM testing, which was on March 1, 2023. *See Connect America Fund*, WC Docket 10-90, Order, DA 25-414, paras. 6-9 (WCB May 14, 2025) (designating the date the carrier first had clear and documentable communication with USAC regarding its 2023 data upload/certification as the certification date for purposes of 47

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> See, e.g., Requests for Review of Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Integrity Communications (Brooks Consolidated Independent School District) et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 7994, 7995, para. 1 (WCB 2012) (dismissing filings as moot where the petitioners subsequently withdrew the funding requests associated with the filings).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> See Letter from John J. Heitmann, Counsel to IM Telecom, LLC d/b/a Infiniti Mobile, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197 (May 6, 2025) (withdrawing the Second and Third Amended Compliance Plans of IM Telecom regarding the proposed acquisition by Excess Telecom, Inc.). IM Telecom's Amended Compliance Plan submitted on March 8, 2018, and approved by the Wireline Competition Bureau on October 23, 2018, remains in effect. See Amended Compliance Plan of IM Telecom, LLC, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, (filed Mar. 8, 2018); Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Wireless Compliance Plan of IM Telecom, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 10146, 10146-47 (WCB 2018).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> See Letter from John T. Nakahata, Counsel to TerraCom, Inc. and Maxsip Tel LLC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 11-42 and 09-197 (Apr. 17, 2025) (withdrawing TerraCom's request for approval of its Fifth Revised Compliance Plan). TerraCom's Fourth Revised Compliance Plan submitted on October 3, 2016, and approved by the Bureau on November 8, 2016, remains in effect. See Fourth Revised Compliance Plan of TerraCom, Inc., WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42 (filed Oct. 3, 2016); see also Wireline Competition Bureau Approves the Amended Compliance Plan of TerraCom, WC Docket Nos. 09-197 and 11-42, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 12338, 12338-39 (WCB 2016).