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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. 23-234
WC Docket No. 21-93
WC Docket No. 02-60

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.¹ 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.²

Schools and Libraries (E-Rate)

CC Docket No. 02-6

Dismiss for Failure to Comply with the Commission's Basic Filing Requirements³

¹ 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), 54.1718(a)(1), and 54.2012(b)(2) of the Commission's rules provide that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of USAC, after first seeking review at USAC, may seek review from the Commission. Sections 54.719(c), 54.1718(a)(3), and 54.2012(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.

² 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).

³ 47 CFR § 54.721 (setting forth general filing requirements for requests 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 Nos. 96-45, 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 02-60, 06-122, 10-90, 11-42, 13-184, 14-58, Public Notice, 29 FCC Rcd 13874 (WCB 2014) (reminding parties submitting appeals to the Bureau of the general filing requirements contained in the Commission's rules which, along with a proper caption and reference to the applicable docket number, require (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); *Universal Service Contribution Methodology; Request for Review by Alternative*

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St. Dominic Savio Catholic High School, TX, No Application No. Given, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 27, 2024)

Dismissed to Allow Appeal to be Filed with USAC⁴

American Internet Group, LLC (University Yes Academy, New Paradigm College Prep Academy, New Paradigm Glazer Academy, New Paradigm Loving Academy), MI, Application Nos. 231008076, 231008080, 231036735, 231037258, 231037606, 231038075, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 15, 2025)

American Internet Group, LLC (Detroit Edison Public School Academy District, University Yes Academy, New Paradigm Glazer Academy, New Paradigm Loving Academy), MI, Application Nos. 241036425, 241037327, 241037422, 241037965, 241038139, 241038209, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 15, 2025)

Dismissing Petitions for Reconsideration⁵

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Phone, Inc. and Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 06-122, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 6079 (WCB 2011) (dismissing without prejudice a request for review that failed to meet the requirements of section 54.721 of the Commission's rules).

⁴ See *Petitions for Reconsideration by Little Falls Township School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order on Reconsideration, 38 FCC Rcd 1100, 1104, para. 10 (WCB 2023) (*Little Falls Township Order*) (dismissing without prejudice appeals that are filed with the Commission before being reviewed at USAC and waiving the 60-day appeal filing deadline to allow the party to refile its appeal at USAC and have it considered on the merits).

Parties seeking review of USAC decisions must first file an appeal with USAC. See 47 CFR § 54.719(a). Because the petitioner filed its appeal with the Commission first, we now provide the petitioner 60 days from the release date of this Public Notice to refile its appeal at USAC. Pursuant to the *Little Falls Township Order*, we also waive the 60-day appeal filing deadline, 47 CFR § 54.720(a), to allow the appeals to be considered on the merits by USAC without being considered late. See *Little Falls Township Order*, 38 FCC Rcd at 1104, para. 10. Appeals should be filed in the E-Rate Productivity Center portal, found here: [EPC](#).

⁵ 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).

On reconsideration, Legal Prep Charter Academy raises a new argument that a waiver of the FCC Form 471 filing deadline is warranted because of employee confusion over the E-Rate rules. In its petition, Legal Prep Charter Academy said its personnel thought their first FCC Form 471 application covered all the E-Rate services they were seeking when, in fact, a separate application was needed for services in a different category. Our rules state that a petition for reconsideration will be entertained only if the petition relies on facts or arguments that have changed or were unknown to the petitioner when it previously filed at the Commission. Because the Petitioner did not make this argument when it first filed the waiver request with the Commission on Nov. 10, 2025, we dismiss the petition because it relies on an argument that was not raised previously. See 47 CFR § 1.106(b)(2), (c)(2) (stating that a petition for reconsideration will be entertained only if the petition relies on facts or arguments that have changed or were unknown to the petitioner when it previously filed at the Commission, unless it is required in the public interest). As an alternative and independent basis for rejecting this petition, we also deny the petition on the merits. Consistent with precedent, we find that employee confusion or misunderstanding of the E-Rate rules does not rise to the level of special circumstances required for a waiver of the Commission's rules. See, e.g., *Requests for Waiver by Nederland 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, 15 FCC Rcd 19544, 19545 (WCB 2002) (*Nederland Independent School District Order*) (“[W]e have consistently held (continued....)

Legal Prep Charter Academy, IL, Application No. 251032885, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 8, 2026)

Granted⁶

*Competitive Bidding – Contract Signed Without Bid Review*⁷

West Frankfort School District 168, IL, Application No. 221030978, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 30, 2025)

*Discount Calculation – 15-Day Remand*⁸

Artesia Public School District, NM, Application No. 251019815, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 27, 2025)

Artesia Public School District, NM, Application No. 251027160, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 22, 2025)

*Granting Additional Time to Respond to USAC with Information During Invoicing*⁹

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that personnel disruptions, employee medical conditions or employee confusion or misunderstanding about SLD rules and deadlines do not rise to the level of special circumstances required for a waiver.”). For these reasons, we dismiss this Petition for Reconsideration.

⁶ 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).

⁷ USAC denied West Frankfort School District 168’s funding because the contract was signed by the school district official before the consultant sent the bid to the school district official for review. Consistent with our obligation to conduct a *de novo* review of appeals of decisions made by USAC, we grant this request for review. *See* 47 CFR § 54.723. We note that the allowable contract date (ACD) was January 20, 2022 and the school received only one bid in response to its request for bids. The school district signed the contract with the service provider on February 14, 2022. The consultant forwarded the bid to the school district official prior to filing the FCC Form 471 on March 2, 2022 for review and confirmation to move forward with the filing. We find that because only bid was received and the contract was signed after the ACD, that a waiver of section 54.511 (a) of the Commission’s rules is permissible. While we grant the appeal based on the facts presented, we remind applicants that they must “carefully consider all bids submitted and select the most cost-effective service offering using price as the primary factor. 47 CFR § 54.511(a). Further, the Commission has stated that the winning bid must be the most cost-effective option, even when there is only one responsive bidder. 47 CFR §§ 54.504(a)(1)(xi); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9029, para. 481 (1997) (*Universal Service First Report and Order*); *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Ysleta Independent School District, et al.*, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 26407, 26431, para. 54 (2003) (*Ysleta Independent School District Order*). In light of the fact that the applicant did not review the bid prior to selecting and signing a contract with the service provider, we remand the application back to USAC to complete a competitive bidding review to ensure the sole bid was cost-effective. *See also supra* note 6.

⁸ *See, e.g., Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Bright Star Schools Consortium et al.; Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 11204, 11204, para. 1 (WCB 2013) (*Bright Star Schools Consortium Order*) (granting applicants a limited 15-day opportunity to file additional documentation to support their calculation of the correct discount rate).

Canopy IT Solutions (Risen Christ Catholic School), MN, Application No. 241031511, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 23, 2025)¹⁰

Hitchcock Independent School District, TX, Application No. 241001592, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 21, 2025)

*Granting on Reconsideration – Late-Filed Waiver*¹¹

International School of Denver, CO, Application Nos. 251043397, 251043399, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 7, 2026)

*Late Filed FCC Form 486 with Incorrect Service Start Date*¹²

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⁹ 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, FCC Rcd 330, 338, para. 14 (WCB 2023) (*Accomack County Public School Order*) (granting applicants' requests for review that had been denied funding during invoicing because they failed to respond to USAC's request for information within the USAC-specified time frame).

¹⁰ Consistent with precedent, we also find good cause exists to waive section 54.720(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules, which requires that petitioners file their appeals within 60 days of an adverse USAC decision. 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).

¹¹ On reconsideration, International School of Denver demonstrated that it was working with USAC to resolve a clerical error on two timely-filed FCC Form 471 applications and did not anticipate the need to file a waiver with the Commission until the filing deadline had passed. The petitioner notes that the consultant for International School of Denver immediately filed a waiver with the Commission after USAC failed to follow up with assisting the school as promised. The waiver was denied by the Commission. See *Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company*, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 23-234, 21-93, 02-60, 11-42, Public Notice, DA 26-1, n.30 (WCB rel. Jan. 2, 2026) (*January 2026 USF Streamlined Public Notice*). We now reconsider and grant a waiver of the appeal filing deadline for International School of Denver. 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); *ABC Unified School District Order* 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2 (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that submitted their appeals to the Commission because they submitted their appeals within a reasonably period of time after receiving actual notice of USAC's adverse decision). We also waive the deadline for filing the FCC Form 471 applications. 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 filing window despite delays beyond its control).

¹² See, e.g., *Request for Review and/or Waiver by Glendale Unified School District, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 1040 (WCB 2006) (*Glendale Unified School District Order*); see also *Request for Waiver by Harvey Public Library District, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 15419 (WCB 2008) (*Harvey Public Library District Order*) (granting waiver requests when the applicants inadvertently listed the wrong service start date on their FCC Forms 486); *Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Archdiocese of New Orleans et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 31 FCC Rcd 11747, 11750, para. 10 (WCB 2016) (*Archdiocese of New Orleans Order*) (granting relief for late-filed FCC Forms 486 that were filed no later than 120 days after the last day to receive service for the funding request at issue and where the applicant demonstrated good cause for the late filing).

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Bureau of Indian Education, NM, Application No. 231021283, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 15, 2025)

*Ministerial and Clerical Error*¹³

Glenpool Independent Sch District 131, OK, Application Nos. 241027290, 251002997, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 14, 2025)

Lorain Public Library System, OH, Application No. 251004632, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 3, 2025)

Peru School District 124, IL, Application No. 251027845, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 29, 2025)

*Ministerial and Clerical Error – Invoicing*¹⁴

Scio School District, OR, Application No. 241005381, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 20, 2025)

*Remand to Correct Classification of Entity on Application*¹⁵

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Although the Bureau of Indian Education filed its FCC Form 486 more than 120 days after the last day to receive service, we find good cause to grant this appeal. The rationale for adopting the *Archdiocese of New Orleans Order* FCC Form 486 relief standard was to ensure that a late-filed FCC Form 486 would not dictate the deadline for E-Rate invoices. *Id.* at para. 8. The Bureau noted that a failure to timely file an FCC Form 486 prevents USAC from issuing the relevant FCC Form 486 notification letter and therefore could frustrate the timely submission and payment of invoices, pursuant to the Commission's invoice rules. *Id.* para. 10. In fact, the standard the Bureau created for relief was based on the invoice deadline to ensure that the invoicing process would not be delayed by tardy FCC Forms 486. *Id.* In the instant case, the Bureau of Indian Education's invoice deadline is February 25, 2024, which is later than 120 days after the last day to receive service for the funding request at issue. We therefore grant this appeal because, in this instance, as the late filing of the FCC Form 486 did not frustrate the timely submission and payment of invoices.

¹³ See, e.g., *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ann Arbor Public Schools et al.*; *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 17319, 17320, nn.5, 7, 12 (WCB 2010) (*Ann Arbor Public Schools Order*) (permitting correction when applicant entered the wrong FCC Form 470 number, wrong billed entity number, or wrong billed entity number/worksheet number on their FCC Form 471; permitting correction when applicant entered the monthly charge as the annual charge; and 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 Rcd 15518, 15520, para. 6, n.19 (WCB 2008) (*Archer Public Library Order*) (permitting correction to add recipients of service to the applicant's funding request that were inadvertently omitted).

¹⁴ See *Accomack County Public School Order*, 38 FCC Rcd at 334-35, 337, paras. 7-9 (granting a waiver where the E-Rate invoice filer inadvertently entered the wrong application or funding request number on a timely-filed BEAR or SPI form).

¹⁵ Consistent with our obligation to conduct a *de novo* review of appeals of decisions made by USAC, we grant these requests for review. See 47 CFR § 54.723. In these instances, the applicants applied for funding at more than one location and miscategorized the entities as independent schools. Under USAC procedures, a single school with an additional location or locations (annexes) must be categorized as a school district. We instruct USAC to assist these two schools in recreating their E-Rate program applications with new billed entity numbers, correct entity types, recalculated discounts, and any other changes needed to reflect that these entities are school districts. We

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American Internet Group, LLC (Detroit Edison Public School Academy), MI, Application Nos. 231033515, 231035768, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 1, 2025)

Top Quality Communications, Inc., and Talmud Torah D'chasidei Bobov of Monsey, NY, Application Nos. 251020213, 251037062, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 21, 2025)

*USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Deadline*¹⁶

Canon City Schools, CO, Application No. 241013188, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 9, 2026)

*Waiver of Appeal Filing Deadline*¹⁷

Bay Shore Union Free School District, NY, Application No. 251009710, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 15, 2026)

Pioneer Library system, OK, Application No. 251034072, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 8, 2026)

Denied

*Failure to Seek Bids with Installment Payments*¹⁸

East Orange School District, NJ, Application No. 251006016, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 9, 2025)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications*¹⁹

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make no finding on the underlying issues in these appeals and remand these applications back to USAC to make a funding decision on the merits. *See also supra* note 6.

¹⁶ 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).

¹⁷ *See, e.g., ABC Unified School District Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2 (granting waivers of filing deadline for appeals because the petitioners 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). We make no finding on the underlying issues in these appeals and remand these applications back to USAC to make a funding decision on the merits. *See also supra* note 6.

¹⁸ *See Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries; Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 13-184, 10-90, Second Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 15538, paras. 23-24 (2014) (*2014 Second E-Rate Order*) (requiring applicants seeking flexible payment arrangements to include the request on their FCC Forms 470s). We also find that the petitioner did not present special circumstances that warrant a deviation from the competitive bidding requirements. *See, e.g., Petition for Reconsideration by Chicago Public Schools; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 9289, 9291-92, paras. 7-8 (WCB 2014) (finding that petitioner did not demonstrate the existence of special circumstances to warrant a waiver of the Commission's competitive bidding requirements).

Medina Independent School District, TX, Application No. 251043520, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 17, 2025)²⁰

*Late-Filed FCC Form 486*²¹

The Laboratory Charter School of Communication and Languages, PA, Application Nos. 241035755, 241038915, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 23, 2025)

*Late-Filed Invoice or Invoice Deadline Extension*²²

Aspire Technology Partners, LLC (Haverstraw Stony Point Center District), NY, Application No. 201028215, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2023)

Bronx Preparatory Charter School, NY, Application No. 221034160, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 5, 2026)

Canopy IT Solutions (Risen Christ Catholic School), MN, Application No. 221031963, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 23, 2025)²³

Falls Church City Public Schools, VA, Application No. 241038378, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 16, 2025)

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¹⁹ 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, 9261-62, para. 13 (2010) (*Academy of Math and Science Order*) (denying waivers of the FCC Form 471 application filing deadline where petitioners failed to present special circumstances justifying a waiver of the Commission's rules).

²⁰ Although Medina Independent School District seeks a waiver of the FCC Form 486 deadline for the application number referenced in its pleading, we find this request moot because the FCC Form 471 application was filed outside the application filing window.

²¹ See, e.g., *Archdiocese of New Orleans Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 11750, para. 10 (granting relief only for late-filed FCC Forms 486 that were filed no later than 120 days after the last day to receive service for the funding request at issue and where the applicants have demonstrated good cause for the late filing).

²² 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 petitioners' waiver requests for invoice filing deadline extensions who failed to seek an extension before the invoice filing deadline and did not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances to justify waiving the Commission's rules).

²³ Although Canopy IT Solutions notes that it never file an invoice, USAC's Open Data tool shows an invoice for the funding request at issue that was denied because of a clerical error on July 31, 2023. Because the denial was issued so long ago, Canopy IT Solutions is time-barred from seeking a waiver for that rejected invoice. 47 CFR §54.720(a) (requiring the waiver request to be submitted to the Commission within 60 days of USAC's decision); see also, 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 within 60 days as required by section 54.720(a) and (b) of the Commission's rules; and (2) did not demonstrate special circumstances required for the Commission to waive the rule).

Mirrer Yeshiva Educational Institute, NY, Application No. 241038583, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 17, 2025)

Mosdos Satmar, NY, Application No. 221037360, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 21, 2025)²⁴

Plattsburgh Public Library, NY, Application No. 241008286, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 12, 2025)

Skyline Math and Science Academy, MN, Application No. 241019857, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 17, 2025)

Woodlawn Community Charter School DBA I3 Academy, AL, Application Nos. 211034415, 211035161, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 31, 2024)

Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program
WC Docket No. 23-234

Denied

*Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests*²⁵

Cahokia School District 187, IL, Application No. CBR253000969, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 23-234 (filed Oct. 17, 2025)

The Millennium Community School, OH, Application No. CBR53000972, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 23-234 (filed Dec. 19, 2025)

Southern Worcester County Educational Collaborative, MA, Application No. CBR253000964, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 23-234 (filed Jan. 6, 2026)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications*²⁶

²⁴ The school is seeking an invoice deadline extension because it claims the service provider accidentally submitted an invoice that was calculated based on the discounted price of the E-Rate services, rather than the higher non-discounted amount. In examining the record, however, we find that the service provider's bill reflects the lower amount and there is no evidence that the service provider incorrectly billed the school.

²⁵ 47 CFR § 54.2012(b)(2) (requiring parties seeking a waiver of the Commission rules to file the request for review or waiver within 30 days of the deadline). We find that the Petitioners did not file a request for waiver within 30 days of the deadline, September 15, 2025, and did not demonstrate special circumstances needed to justify a waiver of the Commission's rules. See 47 CFR § 1.3; *NetworkIP, LLC v. FCC*, 548 F.3d 116, 125-128 (D.C. Cir. 2008) (*NetworkIP LLC*); *Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990) (*Northeast Cellular Telephone*) (finding that a waiver of the Commission's rules is only appropriate if both (i) special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and (ii) such deviation will serve the public interest.). On the merits, we also find that Petitioners were provided 181 days (i.e., 6 months) to complete and submit their Cybersecurity Pilot FCC Form 471 and we do not find the Petitioners provided the justification required to waive or extend this deadline.

²⁶ 47 CFR § 1.3; see also *NetworkIP, LLC*, 548 F.3d at 125-128; *Northeast Cellular Telephone*, 897 F.2d at 1166 (finding that waiver of the Commission's rules is only appropriate if both (i) special circumstances warrant a deviation from the general rule, and (ii) such deviation will serve the public interest.). Cybersecurity Pilot participants were provided from March 18, 2025 to September 15, 2025 (i.e., 181 days or six months) to file a Cybersecurity Pilot FCC Form 471, this window is substantially longer than the E-Rate application filing window period. The Petitioners have not provided justification as to why they were not able to file the form within this six

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Hartford Consortium, CT, Application No. CBR253000956, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 23-234 (filed Sept. 23, 2025)

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

WC Docket No. 21-93

Granted

*Granting Additional Time to Respond to USAC with Information During Invoicing*²⁷

T-Mobile USA, Inc. (Harris County Public Library), TX, Application No. ECF202206289, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Jan. 2, 2025)

Rural Health Care Program

WC Docket No. 02-60

Denied

*Late-filed FCC Form 462 – No Special Circumstances*²⁸

Catalina Island Medical Center, CA, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. RHC20250016043 (filed July 17, 2025)

For additional information concerning this Public Notice, please contact James Bachtell in the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at james.bachtell@fcc.gov or (202) 418-2694.

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month period, nor have they demonstrated that special circumstances were met to justify extending this deadline.

²⁷ See, e.g., *Accomack County Public School Order*, 38 FCC Rcd at 337, para. (granting applicants' requests for review that had been denied funding during the invoicing process because they failed to respond to USAC's request for information within the USAC-specified time frame). We note that this funding request was de-obligated before the service provider had the opportunity to file a timely appeal and are providing time for T-Mobile to respond with USAC's requests for information. We also direct USAC to request a copy of the asset inventory or other documentation from the applicant to verify the connected devices were received and were used by library patrons in accordance with ECF rules prior to processing the request for reimbursement. We remind the parties that section 54.1715 of the Commission's rules requires that asset inventories and other documentation demonstrating compliance with the rules must be retained for at least 10 years from the last date of service or delivery of equipment.

²⁸ See *Requests for Waiver by Bartlett Regional Hospital, Community Counseling Services, Heart of Texas Region MHMR, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 39 FCC Rcd 3931, 3935 (WCB 2024) (denying requests to waive the application filing deadline filed more than 14 days after the filing deadline and without special circumstances warranting a waiver of the deadline, such as: minor errors in completing forms, a family emergency like illness or death, or circumstances out of the applicants' control, such as technical problems in USAC systems). Petitioner cites its unique rural circumstances and asserts that it would be in the public interest to grant additional time, but offers no qualifying special circumstances to justify waiver. Additionally, although the application filing deadline for Funding Year 2025 was extended by 60 days, petitioner's funding application did not progress beyond draft status.