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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE RELEASE OF FCC FORM 471 WITH REVISED INSTRUCTIONS FOR CALCULATING A LIBRARY'S DISCOUNT

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The Wireline Competition Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission announces the release of revised instructions for completing the FCC Form 471 application for discounts under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. In the revised instructions, the method by which a library calculates its applicable discount rate has been changed to conform to the Commission's rules.

The revised instructions to FCC Form 471 implement the Commission's rules. The rules provide that a library's high cost status is determined by whether the library is located in a "rural" or "urban" area.

The method of discount calculation that libraries were directed to use in the previous FCC Form 471 instructions did not properly reflect the Commission's rules. Accordingly, the Bureau has issued revised FCC Form 471 instructions that conform to the Commission's rules governing library discounts. Starting in Funding Year 2003 and thereafter, libraries should calculate their discounts in FCC Form 471 using the method in the revised instructions.

We emphasize that only the instructions for calculating a library's discount have changed. No change has been made in the instructions for calculating a school's discount or to any other part of the FCC Form 471 instructions.

The FCC Form 471 with revised instructions for Funding Year 2003 may be obtained at the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) website, <<http://www.sl.universalservice.org/form/>>. Parties with questions about the instructions for calculating discounts or otherwise in need of assistance with the filing of their applications should contact SLD's Customer Service Support Center at 1-888-203-8100.

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