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

CC Docket No. 02-6
WC Docket No. 06-122

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

Dismissed as Insufficient3

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). Section 54.719(b) of the Commission’s rules provides 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. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission’s rules provides that parties seeking waivers of the Commission’s rules shall seek review directly from the Commission. 47 CFR § 54.719(b)-(c). In this Public Notice, we have reclassified as Requests for Waiver those 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 those 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 See 47 C.F.R. § 54.721 (setting forth general filing requirements for requests for review of decisions issued by the Administrator, 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
Bells Independent School District, TX, Application No. 201034461, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 3, 2021)

Irvine International Academy, CA, No Application Number, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 12, 2021)

Granted

Discount Calculation – Allowing Submission of Updated Discount Calculation


Discount Calculation – Remand to Reprocess Discount Calculation


Glynn County School District, GA, Application No. 576358, FRN 1953839, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 9, 2008)

Manatee County School District, FL, Application Nos. 961568, 961552, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 12, 2015)

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Alternative 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 We remand these applications to USAC and direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a funding commitment or a denial 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 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).

5 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) (allowing the submission of discount calculation information when the applicant was previously unable to fully comply with the document request within USAC’s permitted time period).

6 See, e.g., Academia Claret Order, 21 FCC Rcd at 10708, para. 12 (remanding applications for further processing when, upon de novo review, the Commission disagreed with USAC’s discount calculation determination).

7 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. 8 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances existed to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days of the application filing window deadline).

Consistent with precedent, for Mesa Valley School District 51 and Miraj Islamic School we also find good cause exists to waive section 54.720(a) or (b) of the Commission’s rules, which requires that petitioners file their appeals within 60 days of a USAC decision or action. See Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 10703, 10708, para. 12 (WCB 2006) (Academia Claret Order) (allowing the submission of discount calculation information when the applicant was previously unable to fully comply with the document request within USAC’s permitted time period).
LateFiled FCC Form 471 ApplicationsFiled Within 14 Days of the Close of the Window


Augusta Public School District, AR, Application No. 211021173, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Brandon School, MA, Application No. 211040281, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Collins-Maxwell Community Schools, IA, Application No. 211040204, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021, supplemented Sept. 3, 2021)

Chevelon Butte School District, AZ, Application No. 211039439, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 30, 2021)

Crean Lutheran High School, CA, Application No. 211040275, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Dallas Center-Grimes Community Schools, IA, Application No. 211040246, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Hardyston Township School District, NJ, Application No. 211040139, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Mandan Public School District #1, ND, Application No. 211040270, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Mesa Valley School District 51, CO, Application No. 211040354, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 27, 2021)

Miraj Islamic School, NY, Application Nos. 211040534, 211040460, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 2, 2021)

Montville Public School District, CT, Application No. 211040280, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Oldmans Township School District, NJ, Application No. 211040159, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Pope John XXIII High School, NJ, Application No. 211040231, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Pope John XXIII High School, NJ, Application No. 211040145, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Service Administrator by Barrow County School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Red 4028, 4029, para. 2 (WCB 2011) (Barrow County Order) (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that filed an appeal within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of the mistake).

Sequoyah High School, OK, Application No. 211040088, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

St. Raymond High School for Boys, NY, Application No. 211040277, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Wenatchee School District 246, WA, Application No. 211040274, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Application Filed More than 30 Days Late

Blissfield Community School District, MI, Application Nos. 211040879, 211040880, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 29, 2021)

Fruto De La Vid Christian Academy San Juan, PR, Application No. 211041160, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 23, 2021)

Osborn R-0 School District, MO, Application No. 211040925, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 4, 2021)

Worcester Preparatory School, MD, Application No. 211034816, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 3, 2021)

Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors

Archdiocese of Boston, MA, Application No. 600788, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 11, 2017, supplemented Aug. 12, 2021)

8 See Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Agri-Business Child Development et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 8278, 8280, para. 7 (WCB 2020) (Agri-Business Child Development Order) (finding good cause to waive the FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline for applicants impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic that requested a waiver of the filing deadline and submitted their applications within 60 days of the close of the filing window). Because the Agri-Business Child Development Order was released August 6, 2020 after the funding year 2020 window had closed, the Bureau also found good cause existed to waive the funding year 2020 FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline for those applicants filing their applications on or before that date, waiving the filing deadline for applications that were up to 99 days late. We extend this waiver standard to funding year 2021 applicants but emphasize that this additional relief applies only to this subset of applications and applicants should not expect the Commission to grant additional waivers absent a showing of extraordinary circumstances.

9 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, 17319-20, nn.9, 16, 20 (WCB 2010) (Ann Arbor Order) (granting a waiver of the appeal filing deadline and allowing the correction of ministerial and clerical errors where the applicant miscalculated the discount rate, omitted entities, services, and items that were on its source list, entered the wrong date, or indicated the wrong service on its FCC Form 471); 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, 15521 n.19 (WCB 2008) (permitting applicant to correct a pre-discount price on its FCC Form 471 to conform to the price on the source document).
Doctors Charter School of Miami Shores, FL, Application No. 211039656, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 10, 2021, supplemented Aug. 19, 2021)

Education Service Center Region 20, TX, Application No. 191041476, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 8, 2020)

Illini Bluffs District #327, IL, Application No. 201017009, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 26, 2021)

Mansfield Independent School District, TX, Application No. 211036395, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 13, 2021)

Meridian Joint School District, ID, Application No. 201041511, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 27, 2021)

St. Lawrence School, FL, Application No. 1017443, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 15, 2015)

White Pine County School District, NV, Application No. 211000311, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 30, 2021, supplemented Aug. 11, 2021)


Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors – FRN Omitted from FCC Form 471 Application

Orangeburg County Library, SC, Application No. 211041262, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 26, 2021)

Untimely Filed Appeal or Waiver Requests

Clifton School District, NJ, Application No. 201001638, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2021)

USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Deadline

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10 See, e.g., Ann Arbor Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 17319-20, para. 2 & n.5, 20 (permitting applicant to include item omitted from FCC Form 471, but included on its source list). The petitioner did not realize this funding request was omitted until the application window for FY2021 had closed. The petitioner then filed late an application for these services in the application number listed above. We direct USAC to include this late-filed funding request on one of the petitioner’s timely-filed FY2021 applications or to permit its untimely-filed application to be considered in-window.

11 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) (granting waivers of filing deadline for appeals because they submitted their appeals within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of USAC’s adverse decision). 47 CFR § 54.720. We make no finding on the underlying issues in this appeal and remand this application back to USAC to make a determination on the merits. See supra note 4.

12 See Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14426, 14431, para. 15 (2020) (Invoice Relief 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 (continued….)
ENA Services, LLC (Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools), TN, Application No. 161054574, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 8, 2021)

**Waiving Request For Proposal Notification Requirement**

Consorcio Colegios Católicos Arquidiócesis de San Juan, PR, Application Nos. 2398588, 2398570, 2618509, 2795192, 2826468, 2700172, 2700294, 2399668, 2399669, 2863166, 2617522, 2398269, 2398268, 2797935, 2619703, 2400578, 2400576, 2619732, 2803506, 2615968, 2797775, 2798120, 2400591, 2400592, 2400550, 2809375, 2797701, 2647987, 2797701, 2409617, 2615582, 2615626, 2399308, 2399309, 2615447, 2799703, 2775519, 2799660, 2409629, 2409614, 2620175, 2802287, 2795364, 2433472, 2433471, 2612445, 2612476, 2847193, 2847256, 241883, 2431848, 2618726, 2618733, 2799505, 2799444, 2425568, 2695568, 2695569, 2695564, 2863241, 2848273, 2399656, 2399658, 2613325, 2774766, 2799581, 2803541, 2447857, 2447856, 2399656, 2399658, 2618800, 2795324, 2872261, 2622067, 2398557, 2398556, 2399298, 2829801, 2424328, 2701196, 2617887, 2798743, 2795297, 2409675, 2797691, 2615147, 2425613, 2425593, 2618609, 2618620, 2795177, 2399694, 2615579, 2773692, 2430121, 2620876, 2796038, 2802710, 2797685, 2647257, 2399653, 2399652, 2795895, 2801986, 2431870, 2431871, 2619603, 2619617, 2847738, 240554, 2619398, 2774276, 2699276, 2398554, 2776230, 2779772, 2669908, 2425554, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 14, 2017)

**Denied**

**Impermissible Increase in Broadband Cost for Second FCC Form 471**


**LateFiled FCC Form 471 Applications**

(Continued from previous page) 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).

Consistent with precedent, we also find good cause exists to waive section 54.720(a) or (b) of the Commission’s rules, which requires that petitioners file their appeals within 60 days of a USAC decision or action. See e.g., Ann Arbor Order, 25 FCC Rcd at 17319, para. 1 (WCB 2010) (granting waivers of appeal filing deadlines because the appeals involved errors by USAC).

13 Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Hillsboro Independent School District, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order 23 FCC Rcd 15424, 15429, para. 10 (WCB 2008) (waiving the requirement that an applicant indicate on the Form 470 that it is issuing an RFP when the existence of the RFP did not provide any bidder with an unfair advantage or otherwise affect the competitive bidding process, and there was no evidence of waste, fraud or abuse).

Consistent with precedent, we also find good cause exists to waive section 54.720(a) or (b) of the Commission’s rules, which requires that petitioners file their appeals within 60 days of a USAC decision or action. See 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 within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of USAC’s adverse decision).

14 See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 10347, 10353, para. 18 (WCB 2020) (limiting the price per megabit for services procured under the second funding year 2020 COVID relief filing window to the price in the original contract).
Azalea Park Baptist School, FL, Application No. 211036942, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 17, 2021)

Central Westmoreland Career & Technology Center, PA, Application No. 211032998, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 12, 2021)

Christ Lutheran School, GA, Application No. 211041108, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 30, 2021)

CUSD #5 Sterling Public Schools, IL, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 26, 2021)

Effingham Free Public Library, NH, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 31, 2021)

Gary Public Library System, IN, Application No. 211041361, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 7, 2021)

Holy Family Parochial School, AL, Application No. 211041467, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 16, 2021)

Middleboro School District, MA, Application No. 211041486, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 20, 2021)

North Lakes Academy, MN, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 17, 2021)

North Tonawanda Public Library, NY, Application No. 211041499, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 9, 2021)

Pinnacle School District, CO, Application No. 211041483, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 20, 2021)

Pinnacle School District, CO, Application No. 211041484, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 20, 2021)

St. James Episcopal Day School, LA, Application No. 211041478, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 20, 2021)

Universal Academy, TX, No Application Number, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 17, 2021)

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Ossining Public Library, NY, Application No. 211028181, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 1, 2021)

Relying on FCC Form 470 That Did Not Seek Bids on Types of E-rate Services Later Requested

Glynn County School District, GA, Application No. 576358, FRNs 1593393, 1593430, 1593479, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 9, 2008)

Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests

Guadalupe Union School District, CA, Application No. 201047654, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 29, 2021)

State College Area School District, PA, Application Nos. 191041314, 191041341, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 25, 2021)

Contribution Methodology

WC Docket No. 06-122

Granted

Petition for Waiver of the LIRE for Revenue Reporting Year 2022

Miron Enterprises, LLC and Tello, LLC., Petition for Waiver of the Limited International Revenue Exemption, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed June 28, 2021)

Request for Waiver of Form 499-Q Filing Deadline Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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IPC Network Services, Inc., Request for Waiver of FCC Form 499-Q Filing Deadline, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Aug. 12, 2021)

Dismissed Without Prejudice

Request for Waiver of Form 499-Q Revision Deadline


Denied

Late 499-A Filing Fee Waiver Request

PayTel of Oxford, Inc., Request for Waiver of FCC Form 499-A Late Filing Fee, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Aug. 20, 2021)

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21 47 CFR § 54.713(c). See, e.g., Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 11-42, order, 32 FCC Red 7456, 7461-63, paras. 17-21 (WCB 2017) (finding good cause to waive certain rules and deadlines for contributors whose operations were substantially impacted by hurricanes and thus prevented from meeting filing deadlines).

21 47 CFR § 54.721. See, e.g., Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by CML Communications LLC, WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 26 FCC Red 335 (WCB 2011) (holding that our rules require requests for review of decisions of USAC to contain a full statement of relevant, material facts with supporting affidavits and documentation); Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by Alternative Phone, Inc., WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 26 FCC Red 6079 (WCB 2011); Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Request for Review of Decision of Universal Service Administrator by Dorial Telecom LLC, WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 26 FCC Red 3799 (WCB 2011) (all finding requests procedurally defective for failure to comply with 47 CFR § 54.721).

22 47 CFR § 54.713. See, e.g., Universal Service Contribution Methodology, Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by BelWave Communications, WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 27 FCC Red 11176 (WCB 2012); Universal Service Contribution Methodology: Request for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by BCG, Inc. et al., WC Docket No. 06-122, order, DA 11-864 (WCB 2011) (both finding that petitioners’ claims that they were unaware of their filing obligation did not warrant waiver of the Form 499-A filing deadline and associated late fees); Universal Service Contribution Methodology: Requests for Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by ComScape Telecommunications of Raleigh-Durham, Inc. and Millennium Telecom, LLC, WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 25 FCC Red 7399 (WCB 2010) (denying waiver requests when negligence caused late filing fee); Universal Service Contribution Methodology: Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Achilles Networks, Inc., et al., WC Docket No. 06-122, order, 25 FCC Red 4646, 4648-49, paras. 5, 8 (WCB 2010) (good cause not shown when filers claim they were unaware of their obligation to file the forms, ignorant of the process for electronically filing the forms, or had otherwise failed to file the forms).