**DA 21-598**

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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. 02-60**

**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]](#footnote-3) 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]](#footnote-4)

**Schools and Libraries (E-Rate)**

**CC Docket No. 02-6**

Dismissed for Failure to Comply with the Commission’s Basic Filing Requirements[[3]](#footnote-5)

City of Knowledge School, CA, No Application No. Given, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Granted[[4]](#footnote-6)

*Improper Service Provider Involvement – Potential Conflict of Interest*[[5]](#footnote-7)

Brunswick School Department, ME, Application No. 191023833, Request for Review and Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 13, 2020)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Due to Circumstances Beyond Their Control*[[6]](#footnote-8)

Abby Kelley Foster Regional Charter District, MA, Application No. 211040837, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Alliance For Community Empowerment, Inc., CT, Application No. 211040816, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 27, 2021)

Archimedean Academy, FL, Application No. 211040790, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

A.W. Brown Leadership Academy, TX, Application No. 211040696, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Bais Ruchel Dsatmar, NY, Application No. 211040783, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Bancroft Public Library, NE, Application No. 211040715, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Banta Elem School District, CA, Application No. 211040795, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

Bas Mikroh Girls School, NY, Application Nos. 211040722, 211040723, 211040726, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Benton Carroll Salem School District, OH, Application No. 211040740, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Bishop Brady High School, NH, Application No. 211035385, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Bishop McDevitt High School. PA, Application No. 211040700, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 12, 2021)

Brazos River Charter School, TX, Application No. 211040830, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2021)

Buena Vista SDA School, WA, Application No. 211040759, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 14, 2021)

Buena Vista SDA School, WA, Application No. 211040758, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 14, 2021)

Cedar Grove Christian Academy, PA, Application Nos. 211023374, 211021328, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 12, 2021)

Chosen Generation Christian Academy Inc., FL, Application No. 211040747, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Crosstimbers Academy Charter School, TX, Application No. 211040827, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2021)

Douglas Library, CT, Application No. 211040750, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 14, 2021)

Easter Seals Metropolitan Chicago, IL, Application No. 211040735, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Easton Area Arts Elementary Charter School, PA, Application No. 211040704, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Explore Academy, NM, Application No. 211040736, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Frontier Charter Academy, CO, Application No. 211040760, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

Great Hearts America-Texas, TX, Application No. 211040697, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 9, 2021)

Greeley County Unified District 200, KS, Application No. 211040824, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2021)

Hershey Public School District, NE, Application No. 211040694, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 12, 2021)

Howards Grove School District, WI, Application No. 211040798, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Hull-Daisetta Indep School District, TX, Application No. 211040782, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 16, 2021)

Innovation Charter School, FL, Application No. 211040738, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Iroquois West School Dist 10, IL, Application No. 211040763, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Iroquois West School Dist 10, IL, Application No. 211040764, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Iroquois West School Dist 10, IL, Application No. 211040775, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Lawndale Elementary School District, CA, Application No. 211035911, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 28, 2021)

Lima School District 12, MT, Application No. 211040831, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2021)

Lycoming County Library System, James V Brown Library System, PA, Application Nos. 211016556, 211015070, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

Macomb School District 185, IL, Application No. 211040713, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Macomb School District 185, IL, Application No. 211040708, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Marshall Memorial Library, NM, Application No. 211040818, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

McDowell County Schools, NC, Application No. 211040734, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Memphis Delta Preparatory Charter School, TN, Application No. 211040818, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

Mesilas Bais Yaakov, NY, Application Nos. 211040684, 211040686, 211040687, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Miami Valley Career & Technology School, OH, Application No. 211040787, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

New Covenant Christian School District, NY, Application No. 211040690, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 12, 2021)

Northwest Public School District, NE, Application Nos. 211040729, 211040727, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 13, 2021)

Orient-Macksburg Community School District, IA, Application No. 211040788, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Our Lady Of The Holy Rosary School, CA, Application No. 211039974, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Paul Public Charter School, DC, Application No. 211040801, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School, PA, Application No. 211040017, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Pope John XXIII Elementary School, OH, Application Nos. 211040791, 211040789, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 27, 2021)

Regional School District 05, CT, Application No. 211037642, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Rhodes School District 84-1/2, IL, Application No. 211040685, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 9, 2021)

Rock Falls Township High School District 301, IL, Application No. 211040689, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 9, 2021)

School For Language & Development Dba Tiegerman School, NY, Application No. 211040811, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

School Administrative Unit 50, NH, Application No. 211040466, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 12, 2021)

School Administrative Unit 50, NH, Application No. 211040466, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 29, 2021)

Sebago Elementary School, ME, Application No. 211040771, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Sequoyah School, CA, Application No. 211040613, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 9, 2021)

Silverton Public Library , CO, Application No. 211015419, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 14, 2021)

Southeast Polk Community Schools, IA, Application No. 211040807, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

St. Joan Of Arc School, MD, Application No. 211040820, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

St. Louis Catholic School, TX, Application No. 211040757, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

St. Mary's Catholic School, KS, Application No. 211040784, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

St. Patricks Catholic School, IA, Application Nos. 211040733, 211040797, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

St. Mary’s Catholic High School, CA, Application No. 211040828, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 30, 2021)

Summers County School District, WV, Application No. 211040699, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 3, 2021)

Wadena Public Library, IA, Application No. 211038643, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2021)

Warrensville Heights City School District, OH, Application No. 211040555, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021)

Weymouth Township School District, NJ, Application No. 211040256, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 10, 2021)

Wilmot Union High School, WI, Application No. 211040743, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

Woden Independent School District, TX, Application No. 211040754, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 14, 2021)

Yeshiva Gedolah Of Waterbury, CT, Application Nos. 211040779, 211040777, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 19, 2021)

Yeshiva Ketana Of Los Angeles, CA, Application No. 211040742, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

Yeshiva Ktana Of Waterbury, CT, Application Nos. 211040710, 211040732, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 20, 2021)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed Within 14 Days of the Close of the Window*[[7]](#footnote-9)

Allen ISD, Argyle ISD, Arlington Classics Academy, Arlington ISD, Ballinger ISD, Boys Ranch ISD, Brazosport ISD, Broaddus ISD, Carrollton-Farmers Branch School District, East Fort Worth Montessori Academy, ESC Region 10 dba Fiber Network Consortium, ESC Region 11 Consortium, ESC Region 20 Fiber Consortium, Floresville ISD, Forney ISD, Harlingen Cons ISD, Hooks ISD, International Leadership of Texas, Irving ISD, Keene ISD, Keller ISD, Kennedale ISD, La Vernia ISD, Legacy Preparatory Charter Academy District, Maypearl ISD, Northwest ISD, Pegasus Charter School System, Plano ISD, Poolville ISD, Raul Yzaguirre School for Success, Responsive Education Solution, Rio Vista ISD , San Felipe-Del Rio CISD, Sheldon ISD, TX, Application Nos. 211040359, 211040296, 211040249, 211040524, 211040530, 211040651, 211040660, 211039217, 211040682, 211040247, 211040294, 211040647, 211040543, 211040361, 211040605, 211040448, 211040150, 211040227, 211040357, 211040251, 211040257, 211040259, 211040293, 211040252, 211040258, 211040439, 211040400, 211040671, 211040298, 211040537, 211040541, 211040589, 211040676, 211040678, 211040254, 211040382, 211040393, 211040665, 211040299, 211027810, 211040436, 211040669, 211040029, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 28, 2021)

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, Application No. 211040041, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 13, 2021)

Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh, PA, Application No. 211040449, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 13, 2021)

Banner Public School, OK, Application No. 211040127, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 6, 2021)

Beattie Public Library, KS, Application No. 211040483, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 11, 2021)

Blessed Savior Catholic School, WI, Application No. 211040183, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 12, 2021)

Brandon Hall School, PA, Application No. 211040165, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 13, 2021)

Carter County Public Library, KY, Application No. 211040612, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 13, 2021)

DeMatha Catholic High School, MD, Application No. 211040015, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 13, 2021)

Elmwood Franklin School, NY, Application No. 211040021, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Gladwyne Montessori School, PA, Application No. 211040121, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Hales Corners Lutheran School, WI, Application No. 211040027, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 14, 2021)

Holy Infancy School, PA, Application No. 211040380, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Lumen Christi Catholic School, MI, Application No. 211040052, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Massanutten Military Academy, VA, Application No. 211040350, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 14, 2021)

Miquon School, PA, Application No. 211040082, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Nezperce Joint School District, ID, Application No. 211040638, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 6, 2021)

Oakes Public School, ND, Application No. 211040153, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 29, 2021)

Our Lady of Good Counsel School, NJ, Application No. 211040603, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Queen of the Miraculous Medal School, MI, Application No. 211039970, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Rio Grande School, NM, Application No. 211039981, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 17, 2021)

Santa Clara Unified School District, CA, Application No. 211040608, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 10, 2021)

Stanislaus County Office of Education, CA, Application No. 211040510, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed May 10, 2021)

White Pine Joint School District, ID, Application No. 211040447, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 7, 2021)

Wyola School District 29 A.K.A. Wyola Elementary, MT, Application No. 211040648, Request for Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

*Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*[[8]](#footnote-10)

Chester County Library, SC, Application No. 201036517, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Feb. 17, 2021, supplemented May 13, 2021)

Colegio San Felipe, PR, Application No. 191040110, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Feb. 24, 2020)

Goethe International Charter School, CA, Application No. 191004504, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Oct. 30, 2020)

Great Hearts Academies (Arizona), AZ, Application No. 191002112, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2020, supplemented May 7, 2021)

Pixley Union Elementary School District, CA, Application No. 191030383, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket 02-6 (filed Oct. 30, 2020, supplemented Apr. 21, 2021)

*Service Substitution*[[9]](#footnote-11)

Madison Community Unit School District 12, IL, Application No. 181039400, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 9, 2020)

*Upfront Recurring Charges[[10]](#footnote-12)*

Cheder Menachem Mendel (VC Services, LLC), CA, Application No. 161007147, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 16, 2021)

Granted in Part, Denied in Part

*SPIN Change*[[11]](#footnote-13)

Carlsbad Unified School District, CA, Application No. 181011104, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 13, 2018)

East Orange School District, NJ, Application No. 161016348, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 8, 2019)

Zuni Christian Mission School, NM, Application No. 191038800, Request for Review and/or

Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 18, 2020)

Denied

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications*[[12]](#footnote-14)

Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES, NY, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 6, 2019)

*Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*[[13]](#footnote-15)

Charter Schools USA, FL, Application No. 191015573, Request for Waiver and/or Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2020)

**Rural Health Care Program**

**WC Docket No. 02-60**

Granted

*Waiver of the Invoice Filing Deadline—Sua Sponte Waiver*[[14]](#footnote-16)

Providence St. Joseph Health Consortium, WA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 17965511

**Contribution Methodology**

**WC Docket No. 06-122**

Granted

*Request for Waiver of Form 499-A Filing Deadline Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)*[[15]](#footnote-17)

Sun Star Telecom, Letter from Ricardo Castro, to Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Mar. 25, 2021)

*Request for Waiver of Form 499-Q Revision Deadline Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)*[[16]](#footnote-18)

MeetingOne.com, Corp., Request for Waiver of 45-Day Downward Revision Deadline for FCC Forms 499-Q, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Mar. 31, 2021)

Dismissed Without Prejudice

*Request for Waiver of Form 499-Q Revision Deadline*[[17]](#footnote-19)

Infinite Conferencing Partners, LLC, Petition for Waiver of 45-Day Downward Revision Deadline for FCC Forms 499-Q, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Mar. 12, 2021)

*Request for Waiver of the 499-A Revision Deadline*[[18]](#footnote-20)

Corporate Satellite Communications of Florida, Inc., Letter from Kathleen McGovern, to Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed May 5, 2021)

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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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
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). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *See Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future*, CC Docket No. 02-6, GN Docket No. 09-51, Sixth Report and Order, 25 FCC Rcd 18762, 18799, para. 86 n.249 (2010) (“Clarify[ing] that an existing relationship between an applicant and its existing service provider does not violate the rule that the competitive bidding process is open and fair to all service providers.”); s*ee also Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Allendale County School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 6109, 6114-15, para. 9 (WCB 2011) (granting appeals where the record demonstrated that applicants gave the most weight to price during the bid evaluation process). We note that while evaluating the bids Brunswick School Department received for switches, Brunswick accidently gave NEC a higher score in the category of price, when in fact Fiber Next’s bid actually quoted a lower cost. Nevertheless, NEC scored higher in all other criteria evaluated, and had Brunswick scored NEC’s price for switches accurately, NEC’s bid still would have scored the highest overall total. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *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) (applicant filed their FCC Form 471 application beyond 14 days of the FCC Form 471 deadline due to delays beyond their control). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
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 filing window deadline). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. *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.5, 8, & 16, (WCB 2010) (granting a waiver where the applicant omitted items or entities from its source list or used the wrong SPIN 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. *See, e.g*., *Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Beaufort County School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 3124, 3125, para. 3 (2014) (granting service substitution appeals when the petitioners missed USAC’s deadline for service substitution requests but complied with the Commission’s requirements for service substitutions under 47 C.F.R. § 54.504(d) and had a reasonable explanation for missing the deadline). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. Based on an audit finding, USAC seeks to recover funding from VC Services, LLC for recurring services that were invoiced in advance of delivery. The invoice covered all 12 months of the funding year pursuant to an annual contract and was issued during the first month of the funding year. 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. Based on the facts and circumstances of this case, we find that VC Services, LLC properly invoiced for the services and the services were delivered within the funding year. *See, e.g., Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 06-6, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 15413, 15416, para. 6 (WCB 2008) (conducting de novo review of the facts and circumstances to determine that USAC's decision was in error). [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. We grant these appeals but do not allow the petitioners to seek funding above the amount initially sought for the funding commitment. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Academy of Detroit West et al; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 1960, 1961-66, paras. 5-8, 15 (WCB 2020) (finding that when the new provider of service is delayed in being able to provide service, the applicant may receive support for service during the transition from the incumbent provider, but a SPIN change cannot increase the funding level of an FRN). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
12. *See, e.g*., *Academy of Math and Science Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 9261-62, para. 13 (denying requests for waiver of the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline where petitioners failed to present special circumstances justifying waiver of our rules). [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
13. *See, e.g*., *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Assabet Valley Regional Vocational District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism,* CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 1924, 1925, para. 1 (WCB 2012) (finding petitioners had not demonstrated good cause to justify waivers permitting changes to the applicants’ E-Rate applications). [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
14. *See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 1986, 1994 (WCB 2020) (*Funding Year 2018 Invoice Waiver Order*); *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 5065, 5065-66, paras. 2, 4 (WCB 2017) (*Funding Year 2016 Invoice Waiver Order*) (granting a waiver sua sponte of the invoice filing deadline when the deadline had already passed at the time that health care providers received USAC’s decision, which made compliance with program rules impossible). We waive the petitioner’s invoice filing deadline and allow it 180 days from the later of the release of this Public Notice or the issuance of a Funding Commitment Letter to file invoices with USAC. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
15. 47 CFR § 54.713(c). *See, e.g.*, *Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 06-122, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
16. *See, e.g., Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company,* *Requests for Waiver of Filing Deadline Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19),* WC Docket No. 06-122, et al., Public Notice, DA 20-1129 (WCB Sept. 30, 2020); *Schools and Libraries Universal Support Mechanism et al.*, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 11-42, WC Docket No. 06-122, Order, 32 FCC Rcd 7456, 7461-63, para. 18 (WCB 2017) (extending Form 499-Q filing deadline to allow USAC to recalculate the contribution obligations for providers affected by hurricanes). [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
17. 47 CFR § 1.1910(b).  *See, e.g., Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Net56, Inc., Wheeling School District 21, Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 13122, 13126, para 6 (WCB 2013) (dismissing E-Rate applicant's funding year 2010 request pursuant to the Commission’s “red light rules”). [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
18. 47 CFR 54.721(b)(2). *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 Rcd 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 Rcd 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 Rcd 3799 (WCB 2011) (all finding requests procedurally defective for failure to comply with 47 CFR § 54.721). [↑](#footnote-ref-20)