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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**

Dismiss on Reconsideration[[3]](#footnote-5)

Unified School District 214 Ulysses, KS, Application No. 191005367, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 28, 2020)

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

 *Incorrect Service Start Date on FCC Form 486*[[5]](#footnote-7)

Millbrae Elementary School District, CA, Application No. 191036459, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 16, 2020)

San Luis Coastal Unified School District, CA, Application No. 191023102, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 25, 2020)

 *Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*[[6]](#footnote-8)

Caruthers Unified School District, CA, Application No. 201027204, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 28, 2020, supplemented Jan. 19, 2021)

Central Plains USD 112, KS, Application No. 181032660, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 9, 2019)

Dickinson Independent School District, TX, Application No. 201032932, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 26, 2020, supplemented Jan. 8, 2021)

Hartley Independent School District, TX, Application No. 171014831, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 16, 2019)

Interboro School District, PA, Application No. 181006632, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 27, 2020)

Montevideo Public School District, MN, Application No. 181011893, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 10, 2019)

Schulenburg Independent School District, TX, Application No. 181010929, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 23, 2019)

Stephenville Independent School District, TX, Application No. 201031335, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 24, 2020, supplemented Jan. 21, 2021)

Waunakee Community School District, WI, Application No. 201031843, Request for Waiver and/or Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 29, 2020)

*FCC Form 470 with Inadequate Specificity and No Indication of Request for Proposal (RFP) on Services Being Submitted*[[7]](#footnote-9)

Round Rock Independent School District, TX, Application No. 191020315, Request for Review and/or a Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 7, 2020, supplemented Dec. 15, 2020)[[8]](#footnote-10)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed Within 14 Days of the Close of the Window*[[9]](#footnote-11)

Amador County Unified School District, CA, Application No. 201047584, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 7, 2020)

Iowa State Library, IA, Application No. 201043997, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 17, 2020)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Due to Circumstances Beyond Their Control[[10]](#footnote-12)*

Shenandoah Community School District, IA, Application No. 201044404, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 27, 2020, supplemented Dec. 21, 2020)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Funding Year 2020 Application Less Than 60 Days Late*[[11]](#footnote-13)

Greater Poughkeepsie Library District, NY, Application No. 201044702, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 16, 2020)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 486[[12]](#footnote-14)*

Elkton School District #5-3, SD, Application No. 191029392, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 7, 2020)

*No Signed Contract[[13]](#footnote-15)*

Charter Schools USA, FL, Application No. 191015567, FRN 1999077271, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2020)

Charter Schools USA, FL, Application No. 191015567, FRN 1999071238, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2020)

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

*Service Implementation Delay*[[14]](#footnote-16)

immixGroup, Inc. (Guilford County Schools), NC, Application No. 161028314, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 17, 2020)

*Untimely Filed Appeal*[[15]](#footnote-17)

Jenks Independent School District 5, OK, Application No. 201047584, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 17, 2020)

Region 18 Education Service District – Wallowa County, NC, Application No. 201032005, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 21, 2020)

*Untimely Filed Appeal – Filed Within a Reasonable Period of Actual Notice*[[16]](#footnote-18)

Monticello Schools District 882, MN, Application No. 161024010, Request for Waiver, CC

Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 1, 2019)

Neighborhood House Association, CA, Application No. 181005784, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 14, 2020, supplemented Dec. 14, 2020)

Granted in Part

 *USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Deadline*[[17]](#footnote-19)

New England Center for Children, MA, Application Nos. 171017892, 171017348, 171017974, 171048825, 171048811, 171048796, 171048728, 171018018, 171018013, 171048767, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 1, 2019)

Denied

 *Invoice Deadline Extension Requests*[[18]](#footnote-20)

CSC Consulting Group (School City of East Chicago), IN, Application No. 171006926, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 26, 2018)

 *Relying on FCC Form 470 That Did Not Seek Bids on Type of E-rate Services Later Requested*[[19]](#footnote-21)

Fairfield Community School District, IA, Application No. 191038832, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 18, 2020)

Fairfield Local School, OH, Application No. 191036706, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 19, 2020)

Greater Summit County Early Learning Center, OH, 171043028, 181037091, 191032958, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 11, 2020)

Hagerman Municipal School District, NM, Application No. 181005705, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 7, 2019)

Maple Run Unified School District, VT, Application No. 191025050, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 11, 2019)

Mayflower Public School District, AR, Application No. 181038845, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 15, 2020)

Mediapolis Community School District, IA, Application No. 191023455, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 2, 2020)

St. Johnsbury School District, VT, Application No. 191035020, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 10, 2020)

Ulen-Hitterdal Public School, MN, Application No. 181003287, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 23, 2020)

West Iron County Public Schools, MI, Application No. 191019562, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 8, 2020)

**Rural Health Care Program**

**WC Docket No. 02-60**

Granted

*Waiver of the Invoice Filing Deadline*[[20]](#footnote-22)

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation/California Correctional Health Care Services Consortium, CA, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 16855271 (filed Sep. 8, 2020)

FRC, LLC (Palmetto State Providers Network), SC, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60,

Funding Request No. 16838291 (filed Dec. 3, 2019)[[21]](#footnote-23)

*Waiver of the Invoice Filing Deadline—Sua Sponte Waiver*[[22]](#footnote-24)

Adventist Health, CA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18416931

Adventist Health, CA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18405611

Area Mental Health Center – Garden City, KS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18868821

Arkansas Department of Health, AR, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18442351

Benton Medical Center, MS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18467611

CREOKS Behavioral Health Services, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 15866431

Community Hospital Corporation, TX, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18433781

Eastern Nebraska Healthcare, NE, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18878291

Harper County Community Hospital, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18823841

Health Services Inc., AL, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18451411

Health Services Inc., AL, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18451101

Heywood Healthcare, MA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18399771

Hutchinson Area Health Care, MN, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18455841

Integris Telehealth Network, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18441251

LoneStar Healthcare Communications, MA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18437611

Muscogee (Creek) Nation, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 17204991

NY Community Broadband Partnership, NY, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18470881

Norman Regional Health System, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18441921

Sutter Health, CA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18445481

Sutter Health, CA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18385471

**Contribution Methodology**

**WC Docket No. 06-122**

Granted

*Ministerial and/or Clerical Error*[[23]](#footnote-25)

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

Accelerated Voice, LLC, Request for Waiver of FCC Form 499-Q Filing Deadline, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Jan. 15, 2021)

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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. *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 and Order on Reconsideration, 29 FCC Rcd 10356, 10357, para. 2 (WCB 2014) (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). The original appeal was denied because the petitioner entered into a contract with its service provider without complying with the E-Rate program’s competitive bidding rules by filing an FCC Form 470 and waiting 28 days before entering into an agreement. Although the petitioner filed a petition for reconsideration citing to a different FCC Form 470 number, we find that the form provided on reconsideration was used for a different procurement and does not cure the underlying competitive bidding violation. [↑](#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, 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); *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) (granting waiver requests when the applicants inadvertently listed the wrong service start date on their FCC Forms 486). 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 an adverse USAC decision. *See Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Barrow County School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *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 & 20 (WCB 2010) (granting a waiver where the applicant omitted items from its source list or selected the wrong category of 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
7. *See, e.g*., *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Ysleta Independent School District*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 26407, 26410, para. 7 (2003) (requiring FCC Forms 470 “to describe the services that the schools and libraries seek to purchase in sufficient detail to enable potential providers to formulate bids”). In the instant case, USAC denied funding after determining that the applicant failed to provide sufficient information on the services requested on its FCC Form 470 and therefore was required to issue a request for proposals (RFP). Based on our review of the record, we find that Round Rock Independent School District (Round Rock) did in fact issue an RFP that was properly uploaded with the FCC Form 470 and provided sufficient information to enable service providers to formulate a responsive bid. We also waive any procedural deadlines that may be necessary to effectuate our ruling, including the invoice deadline and the special construction service delivery deadline applicable to Round Rock’s funding year 2019 request and direct USAC to set a new service delivery deadline of June 30, 2022. *See supra* note 4; *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) (waiving the special construction service delivery deadline because the applicant was unable to complete implementation for reasons beyond the service provider’s control, including the time involved while USAC completed its review of the funding request, and the petitioner made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures); *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Houston Independent School District*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 16775, 16777-78, para. 6 (WCB 2005) (granting a waiver of the service delivery deadline for non-recurring services when funding disbursements were delayed while the Administrator conducted further review of the application for program compliance). In addition, although not before us on appeal, we remind applicants that, consistent with the Commission’s mandate that the E-Rate program be competitively neutral with respect to service providers and technology, a self-provisioned network can be constructed using transport technology other than fiber, such as fixed microwave. *See* 47 USC § 254(h)(2)(A) (requiring the Commission’s rules for the E-Rate program to be competitively neutral); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 8801, para. 46 (adopting a principle of competitive neutrality that requires the E-Rate program and its rules to “neither unfairly advantage nor disadvantage one provider over another, and neither unfairly favor nor disfavor one technology over another”) (subsequent history omitted). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. Round Rock supplemented its pending request on December 15, 2020 (requesting an extension of the special construction service delivery deadline, among other things). *See* Round Rock Independent School District, TX, Application No. 191020315, Request for Review and/or a Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 15, 2020). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. *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).

Consistent with precedent, we also find good cause exists to waive section 54.720(a) or (b) of the Commission’s rules for Iowa State Library, which requires that petitioners file their appeals within 60 days of an adverse USAC decision. *See Barrow County Order,* 26 FCC Rcd at 4029, para. 2 (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that filed the appeal within in a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of the mistake). [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. *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-12)
11. *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 funding year 2020 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, we also find good cause exists to waive the funding year 2020 FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline for those applicants filing their applications on or before that date.  We emphasize, however, 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. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
12. *See, e.g*., *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) (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). [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
13. *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, 6022-23, paras. 8-9 (2007) (granting a waiver of the Commission's contract rules for applicants an agreement in place but signing the actual contract with their service providers shortly after submitting their FCC Form 471). [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
14. *See, e.g*., *Buffalo City School District, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association*, Order, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, 17 FCC Rcd 11881, 11884, para. 8 (WCB 2002) (waiving the Commission's rules to allow an extension of the deadline for service implementation when applicants demonstrated they were unable to complete service delivery because of time limitations imposed by late-issued funding commitments). [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
15. *See, e.g*., *Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by ABC Unified School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 11019, para. 2 (WCB 2011) (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that submitted their appeals or waiver requests to the Commission or USAC only a few days late). We make no finding on the underlying issues in this appeal and remand these applications back to USAC for a determination on the merits. *See* supra note 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
16. *See Barrow County Order,* 26 FCC Rcd at 4029, para. 2 (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that filed an appeal within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of the mistake). To correct problems with a rejected invoice, Monticello School District 882 worked with USAC personnel instead of filing an appeal. After working with USAC staff for a considerable period of time, the school district was then told by USAC staff to file an appeal, but the deadline had already passed. We make no finding on the underlying issues in these appeals and remand these applications back to USAC for a determination on the merits. *See* supra note 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
17. *See Modernizing the E-rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order, FCC 20-178, 2020 WL 7351128, \*4, para. 15 (rel. Dec. 10, 2020) (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).

We find that two applications filed by New England Center for Children do not involve instances where the program participant was unable to timely submit an invoice because they were awaiting a post-commitment decision from USAC. We therefore make no determination and dismiss the requests for waiver for Application No. 171048833 and Application No. 171048779. [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
18. *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, 3835, para. 7 (WCB 2016) (denying requests for waiver of the Commission’s invoice extension rule for petitioners that failed to demonstrate extraordinary circumstances justifying a waiver); *see also Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8870, 8966, para. 240 (2014) (establishing that it is generally not in the public interest to waive the Commission’s invoicing rules absent extraordinary circumstances); 47 CFR § 54.514. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
19. *See, e.g*., *Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Albert Lea Schools et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 24 FCC Rcd 4533 (WCB 2009); *Petition for Reconsideration by Chicago Public Schools; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 9289 (WCB 2014) (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). [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
20. *See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket 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 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 release of this Public Notice to file invoices with USAC. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
21. *See Petition for Reconsideration by Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, VA et al.*; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, WC Docket 02-6, 32 FCC Rcd 4626, 4631, para. 12 (WCB 2017)

(finding a waiver of the invoice filing deadline appropriate where the petitioner was recovering from a medical issue requiring hospitalization until after the invoice filing deadline and made a quick effort to seek a waiver of the invoice filing deadline). We allow Palmetto State Providers Network to submit invoices to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) within 180 days of the release of this Public Notice. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
22. *See Funding Year 2018 Invoice Waiver Order*, 35 FCC Rcd at 1994; *Funding Year 2016 Invoice Waiver Order*, 32 FCC Rcd at 5065-66, paras. 2, 4 (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-24)
23. *See Universal Service Contribution Methodology; Petition for Reconsideration by Ascent Media Group, Inc.,* WC Docket No. 06-122,Order, 28 FCC Rcd 6150 (WCB 2013) (finding good cause for granting a waiver of the FCC Form 499-Q filing deadline where the company mistakenly reported its total projected company revenues instead of its assessable interstate and international end-user revenues, resulting in invoices that were significantly higher than what they would have been, but for the reporting error); *Universal Service Contribution Methodology; Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator and Request for Waiver by American Broadband & Telecommunications*, WC Docket No. 06-122, 28 FCC Rcd 10358 (WCB 2013) (finding good cause for granting a waiver of the FCC Form 499-Q deadline where a typographical error resulted in invoices for the relevant quarter that were several times the company’s trued-up contribution obligation for the entire year). [↑](#footnote-ref-25)