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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 – Invoice Fully Paid[[3]](#footnote-5)

A&A Technologies International LLC (Broward Junior Academy), FL, Application No. 201024668, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 4, 2022)

Dismissed for Failure to Comply with the Commission’s Basic Filing Requirements[[4]](#footnote-6)

Clarksburg CII School District, MO, No Application Number Given, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 27, 2021)

Riviera Independent School District, TX, No Application Number Given, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 29, 2021)

Dismissed – No Adverse Decision Issued[[5]](#footnote-7)

GV Investments LLC, Application Nos. 161011182 (Chabad Of Southern Nevada, NV), 181007614 (Cheder Menachem Mendel, CA), 181005993 (Hebrew Academy, CA), 181005497 (Jewish Beginnings, Inc., WI), 181005464 (Chabad Of Southern Nevada Dba Dessert Torah Academy), 181005485 (Hillel Academy, WI), 181006195 (Bais Chaya Mushka, CA), 181006147 (Cheder Chabad Of Monsey, NY), 181005827 (Jewish Institute Of Queens, NY), Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 22, 2022)

VC Services LLC, Application Nos. 161054094 (Chabad Hebrew Academy, CA), 171047890 (Jewish Institute Of Queens, NY), 181006212 (Cheder Menachem Mendel, CA), 181005993 (Hebrew Academy, CA), 181005485 (Hillel Academy, WI), 181006195 (Bais Chaya Mushka, CA), 181006147 (Cheder Chabad Of Monsey, NY), 181005827 (Jewish Institute Of Queens, NY), 191002590 (Jewish Beginnings, Inc., WI), Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 22, 2022)

Granted[[6]](#footnote-8)

*Eligible Entities*[[7]](#footnote-9)

Briya Public Charter School, DC, Application No. 201042918, Request for Review and/or Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2021, supplemented Feb. 25, 2022)

 *Invoice Correction[[8]](#footnote-10)*

Industry Systems LLC (Cheyenne Independent School District 7),OK, Application No. 211002911, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 15, 2021)

 *Invoice Timely Filed*[[9]](#footnote-11)

Junction City School District, OR, Application No. 201021256, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 12, 2021)

Kennett School District 39, MO, Application No. 201025888, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 10, 2021)

 *Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*[[10]](#footnote-12)

Bonduel School District, WI, Application No. 201012314, Request for Waiver and /or Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 24, 2022)

Falmouth Academy, MA, Application No. 201043616, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 22, 2022, supplemented Mar. 4, 2022)

 *Necessary Resources*[[11]](#footnote-13)

Lynn Public Schools, MA, Application No. 582501, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 31, 2011)

 *USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Deadline*[[12]](#footnote-14)

Cincinnati Technology Academy, OH, Application No. 191023794, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 25, 2021)

Minnehaha Academy, MN, Application Nos. 191032225, 191040172, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 25, 2021)

*Waiver of Special Construction Service Delivery Deadline*[[13]](#footnote-15)

Whitepine Joint School District #288, ID, Application Nos. 201012818, 201012889, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 6, 2022)

Denied

 *Ineligible Service*[[14]](#footnote-16)

Yalobusha County Library, MS, Application No. 201007568, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 28, 2020)

 *Invoice Deadline Extension*[[15]](#footnote-17)

Aero North Communications (Freeport School District 145), IL, Application No. 181002646 (FRNs 1899003907, 1899003904), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2020, duplicates filed March 5, 2020 and June 3, 2021)

Bradford Area Christian Academy, PA, Application No. 201028013, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 5, 2021)

Brooklyn Emerging Leaders Academy Charter School, NY, Application No. 201026972, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 18, 2022)

Central Cellular, LLC (Stroud School), OK, Application No. 201008709, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2022)

Central Cellular, LLC (City of Stroud Library), OK, Application No. 201031205, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2022)

Clark County District Library, ID, Application No. 201009784, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 10, 2021)

Diboll Independent School District, TX, Application No. 201045510, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 16, 2021)

Kuna Library District, ID, Application No. 201018959, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 18, 2021)

Lasara Indep School District, TX, Application No. 201034502, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 3, 2021)

La Vega ISD, TX, Application Nos. 201034464, 201033729, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 18, 2022)

Monticello Montessori Charter School, ID, Application Nos. 171037482, 201040805, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 24, 2021)

Oneida Count Library District, ID, Application No. 201008284, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 6, 2021)

Saint Ambrose Catholic School, OH, Application Nos. 191040302, 171045978, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 24, 2021)

The New America School-Las Cruces, NM, Application No. 201025686, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Oct. 29, 2021)

Vanguard Classical Consortia, CO, Application No. 201023923, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 18, 2021)

Wharton County Library, TX, Application No. 201028987, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 18, 2021)

Wilder Public Library District, ID, Application No. 201018070, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 30, 2021)

 *Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*[[16]](#footnote-18)

Essex County School District, VA, Application No. 211003820, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 15, 2021)

 *Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests*[[17]](#footnote-19)

Aero Communications LLC, (Eastland C U School District 308), IL, Application No. 171005310 (FRN 1799009235), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2020)

Aero Computing, Ltd. (Freeport School District 145, Eastland C U School District 308), IL, Application Nos. 161019461 (FRN 1699036221), 161000904 (FRN 1699038007), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 24, 2020)[[18]](#footnote-20)

Aero Computing, Ltd. (Freeport School District 145, Forrestville Vly Sch District 221), IL, Application Nos. 161033662 (FRN 1699070256), 161016635 (FRN 1699053889), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 24, 2020)

Aero Computing, Ltd. (Freeport School District 145, Forrestville Vly Sch District 221), IL, Application Nos. 171014504 (FRN 1799033482), 171000395 (FRN 1799000702), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2020)

Aero North Communications (Freeport School District 145, Forrestville Vly Sch District 221), IL, Application Nos. 161016635 (FRN 1699053868, 1699048437), 161032252 (FRN 1699068800), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 24, 2020)

Aero North Communications (Freeport School District 145), IL, Application No. 171014504 (FRNs 1799033477, 1799033499), Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2020)

Allegany County Public Schools, MD, Application No. 181028537, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 20, 2021)

Fayetteville-Perry School District, OH, Application No. 1013500, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 1, 2019)

River Dell Regional HS, NJ, Application No. 201045750, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 29, 2021, supplemented Feb. 23, 2021)

Seattle Public Schools, WA, Application No. 201028040, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 28, 2021)

**Rural Health Care Program**

**WC Docket No. 02-60**

Granted

 *Waiver of the Invoice Filing Deadline—Sua Sponte Waiver[[19]](#footnote-21)*

Clarke County Telehealth Consortium, IA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20834921

Effingham Hospital, GA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19489461

Effingham Hospital, GA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19489461

Family Health Centre, IL, Sua Sponte Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20825841

Geisinger, PA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19642851

Henderson County Rural Health Center, IL, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20869751

Huntsville Health Consortium, AL, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20860381

Kansas Health-E Broadband Consortium, KS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19637721

Kansas Health-E Broadband Consortium, KS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19572641

Kansas Health-E Broadband Consortium, KS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19614371

Kansas Health-E Broadband Consortium, KS, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19589681

Kentucky Telehealth Consortium, ME, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20211081

Major Hospital, IN, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19546071

Major Hospital, IN, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 19546081

Midwest Medical Center, IL, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18217721

Miller County Hospital, GA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 21881121

Mountain Valleys Health Centers – Big Valley Health Center, GA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20224451

Phs-Cimarron Health Care Clinic, NM, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 2079499

Pushmataha Family Medical Center, Inc. – Boswell, OK, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20225611

Savannah Medical and Dental Clinics, MO, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20215681

Scl Health Consortium, CO, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 18980341

Upson Regional Medical – Upson Women’s Services Butler, GA, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20747841

Wyoming Healthcare Consortium, ME, *Sua Sponte* Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 21170021

 *Information Request Deadline Waiver[[20]](#footnote-22)*

North Mississippi Primary Health Care, MS, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 2085042 (filed June 21, 2021)

**Contribution Methodology**

**WC Docket No. 06-122**

Denied

*Request for Waiver of Late Filing Fees*[[21]](#footnote-23)

DFWCloudphones LLC, Letter from Scott Springer, to Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 06-122 (filed Feb. 28, 2022)

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. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 5250, 5251, para. 3 (WCB 2012) (dismissing appeals as moot where invoicing records demonstrate that the entity was fully compensated for the funding it requested and all submitted invoices were funded). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. 47 CFR § 54.721 (setting forth general filing requirements for requests for review of decisions issued by USAC); *Wireline Competition Bureau Reminds Parties of Requirements for Request for Review of Decisions of 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 of the Commission’s appeal filing requirements pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.721 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). Although the Bureau will not consider requests for review of decisions by the Universal Service Administrator without the relevant FCC Form 471 application number(s), here Bureau staff reviewed the submission and USAC’s E-Rate Open Data and could not determine what action(s) the petitioners were requesting review because of the lack of sufficient information included in the requests. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Danbury Public Schools; 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, 97-21, Order, 17 FCC Rcd 17380, para. 2 (WCB 2002) (dismissing a request for review where no adverse USAC decision had yet been issued). Here, the petitioner is asking that USAC be directed to issue decisions regarding its pending invoices, however, these reviews are still underway and have not been completed yet. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. 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-8)
7. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Bootheel Consortium et al.*; *Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 8747, 8750-51, paras. 7-8 (2007) (directing USAC to reevaluate the entity’s eligibility for E-rate support based on the additional supporting evidence that applicants have provided). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Aiken County Public
Schools et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC
Rcd 8735, 8737-40, paras. 6, 9-10 (2007); *Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator
by Business Technologies, Inc. et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No.
02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 17033 (WCB 2010) (directing USAC to provide applicants with the opportunity to have
their funding requests reassessed). We also note that Industry Systems LLC still has time (until Oct. 28, 2022) to resubmit FCC Forms 474 and rectify the invoice issues noted in this appeal. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. 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. We find that the applicants timely filed an invoice for the services at issue. Because the invoices were submitted before the respective invoice filing deadline, USAC should accept the submitted invoice or the applicant should be given the opportunity by USAC to refile invoices on remand. We note that the service providers have now submitted their FCC Forms 473 for funding year 2020, certifying compliance with our rules. In this instance, we waive sections any procedural deadlines, including section 54.514(a) (i.e., invoice filing deadline), that might be necessary to effectuate our ruling. *See also supra* note 6. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. *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, n.9 (WCB 2010) (allowing the correction of ministerial and clerical errors where the applicant entered an incorrect date on its FCC Form 471). [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. We remand Lynn Public Schools’ request for waiver to USAC for further review. In 2009, the Commission provided formal guidance to USAC on situations where USAC finds equipment was not being utilized and whether recovery was required. *See* Letter from Dana R. Shaffer, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, to Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, CC Docket No. 02-6, Letter, 24 FCC Rcd 417 (WCB 2009) (“*Table C” Recovery Issues Letter*). In the letter, the Bureau explained that USAC should not seek recovery in every instance in which it determined the equipment was not utilized. The Bureau noted that, for example, in situations where equipment was uninstalled because of personnel issues, but was subsequently installed, recovery would not be warranted. In the instant case, Lynn Public Schools underwent an extensive rewiring project. A second team of technicians finished the project but were unaware of the new equipment and re-installed the old switches instead of the new ones. Once aware, the school immediately called the vendor which installed the new equipment. We now ask USAC to reassess its recovery action based on our guidance in the “*Table C” Recovery Issues Letter*. In remanding this request to USAC, we make no finding regarding the underlying issue in this petition and direct USAC to make a final determination. *See also supra* note 6.

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 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 deadline for petitioners that filed an appeal within a reasonable period of time after receiving actual notice of the mistake). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
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) (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). [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
13. *See, e.g*., *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 and the petitioner made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures).

Here, we find that the applicant was unable to complete implementation for reasons beyond its control and made good faith efforts to comply with Commission rules and procedures. Accordingly, we waive the special construction service delivery deadline and direct USAC to set a new service delivery deadline of June 30, 2023, and adjust any associated administrative or procedural deadlines, including the invoice filing deadline, that might be necessary to effectuate our ruling. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
14. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by New Albany-Floyd County Consolidated School Corporation; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc*., CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 97-21, Order, 16 FCC Rcd 7190, 7192-93, para. 7 (APD 2001) (finding that network monitoring is not an eligible service under program rules); *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by AllWays, Inc.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 1968, 1968-69, para. 1 (WCB 2012) (upholding denials of funding requests for services that are not eligible for E-rate support). [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
15. *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. 8 (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* 47 CFR § 54.514; *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). [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
16. *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 after the application filing window closed). Here, the applicant is requesting that its E-Rate support be increased for services that were not included on its approved FCC Form 471 application. Such changes to add additional services to increase committed support amounts are not ministerial and clerical errors. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Beth Rivka School; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 10653, 10663, para. 20 (finding applicants’ requests to add services to increase support were not clerical or ministerial errors and allowing applicants to “correct” applications months later seriously undermines the application filing deadline date). [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
17. *See, e.g*., *Agra Public Schools Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 5688, para. 6; *Bound Brook School District Order*, 29 FCC Rcd at 5823, para. 1 (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 the Commission’s rules; and (2) did not demonstrate special circumstances required for the Commission to waive the filing deadline rule). [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
18. Although Aero Computing, LLC seeks a waiver for FCC Form 471 application number 161019461, it appears that this request has been fully funded and support was disbursed. We therefore dismiss this request as moot. *See, e.g.*, *Requests for Review of Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Diversified Computer Solutions, Inc.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 5250, 5251, para. 3 (WCB 2012) (dismissing appeals as moot where invoicing records demonstrate that the entity was fully compensated for the funding it requested and all submitted invoices funded). [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
19. *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 petitioners’ invoice filing deadlines and allow 180 days from the later of the release date of this Public Notice or the issuance date of a funding commitment letter (FCL) to file the invoices with USAC. [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
20. *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Dockets Nos. 02-60, 17-310, Order, 36 FCC Rcd 7051, 7063 n.87 (WCB 2021) (directing USAC to grant a 28-day extension to the deadline to respond to information requests if sought by an applicant due to the COVID-19 pandemic and providing that applicants may file requests for waiver if funding requests are denied due to missed response deadlines for information requests filed prior to the release of the Order). We direct USAC to allow North Mississippi Primary Care additional time to respond to the information request. We make no finding on the underlying issues in this appeal and remand to USAC for further review. [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
21. 47 CFR § 54.713. *See, e.g*., *Universal Service Contribution Methodology; Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Requests for Review of Decisions of Universal Service Administrator by Airband Communications, Inc. et al.*, WC Docket No. 06-122, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 10861 (WCB 2010) (denying deadline waivers where claims of good cause amount to no more than simple negligence, errors by the petitioner, or circumstances squarely within the petitioner’s control); *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 Rcd 4646, 4648-49, paras. 5, 8 (WCB 2010) (finding that good cause is 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); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Request for Review by National Network Communications, Inc.*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 6783 (WCB 2007) (finding that good cause is not shown when filer claimed it did not have skilled personnel to interpret and correctly apply the FCC Form 499 instructions). [↑](#footnote-ref-23)