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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. 21-93
WC Docket No. 02-60
WC Docket No. 10-90

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 Moot³

Fullerton Elementary School District, CA, Application No. 881837, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 10, 2014)

Saddleback Valley Unified District, CA, Application No. 882552, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 16, 2014)

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). Sections 54.719(b) and 54.1718(a)(1) of the Commission's rules provide 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. Sections 54.719(c) and 54.1718(a)(3) of the Commission's rules provide that parties seeking waivers of the Commission's rules shall seek review directly from the Commission. In this Public Notice, we have reclassified as Requests for Waiver any 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 any 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, e.g., *Requests for Review and/or Requests for Waiver of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Al Noor High School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 27 FCC Rcd 8223 (WCB 2012) (*Al Noor High School Order*) (dismissing as moot requests for review where USAC has taken the requested action).

Dismissed as Moot (Recovery Not Sought from Applicant)⁴

Yeshiva Shaar Ephraim, NY, Application No. 856702, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 3, 2024)

Dismissed for Failure to Comply with the Commission's Basic Filing Requirements⁵

Intermart Inc. d/b/a BluegrassNet (Walden School), KY, No Application Number Given, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 24, 2025)

Harbor Networks (Londonderry School District), NH, Application No. 221027025, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 18, 2023)

Dismissed Petitions for Reconsideration⁶

Holy Family Parish School, IL, Application No. 241028540, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 13, 2025)

Ladow Yeshiva Lubavitch Center, NY, Application Nos. 803131, 873008, 928024, 984914, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 1, 2025)

Questivity, Inc. (Supernet Consortium), TX, Application No. 231014102, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 1, 2025)

⁴ The applicant filed an appeal with the Commission seeking a determination that it does not owe any funds as a result of recovery adjustments. We dismiss the applicant's request as moot because USAC is only seeking recovery of funds from the service provider and not from the applicant. *See Recovery of Improperly Disbursed Funds Letter from Universal Service Administrative Company to Moshe Braish, IP Connect* (October 23, 2023) (RIDF Letter). *See also Federal-State Joint Board On Universal Service, Changes To The Board Of Directors For The National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, Order On Reconsideration and Fourth Report and Order, CC Docket Nos. 02-6, 96-45, 97-21, Order, 19 FCC Rcd 15252, 15255, para. 10 (2004) (*Fourth Report and Order*) (providing that recovery should be directed to the party or parties that committed or was responsible for the rule or statutory violation); *Al Noor High School Order*, 27 FCC Rcd at 8223 (dismissing as moot requests for review where USAC has taken the requested action).

⁵ 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).

⁶ *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, 29 FCC Rcd 10356, 10357, para. 2 (WCB 2014) (*Allan Shivers Library Order*) (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).

Stanley G. Falk School, NY, Application No. 231035757, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 11, 2025)

Dismissed to Allow Appeal to be Filed with USAC⁷

Perseus House Incorporated, PA, Application No. 251040360, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 23, 2025)

Late-Filed Petition for Reconsideration⁸

Responsive Services International, Inc. (Olton Independent School District), TX, Application No. 476223, Petition for Reconsideration, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 4, 2025)

Granted⁹

Category of Service¹⁰

East Penn School District, PA, Application No. 967096, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 20, 2014)

Competitive Bidding – Vendor Selection¹¹

⁷ See *Petitions for Reconsideration by Little Falls Township School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order on Reconsideration, 38 FCC Rcd 1100, 1104, para. 10 (WCB 2023) (*Little Falls Township Order*) (dismissing without prejudice appeals that are filed with the Commission before being reviewed at USAC and waiving the 60-day appeal filing deadline to allow the party to refile its appeal at USAC and have it considered on the merits). Parties seeking review of USAC decisions must first file an appeal with USAC. See 47 CFR § 54.719(a). Because the petitioner filed its appeal with the Commission first, we now provide the school district 60 days from the release date of this Public Notice to refile its appeal at USAC. The appeal should be filed in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) portal, found here: <https://forms.universalservice.org/portal>. Pursuant to the *Little Falls Township Order*, we also waive the 60-day appeal filing deadline, 47 CFR § 54.720(a), to allow the appeals to be considered on the merits by USAC without being considered late. See *Little Falls Township Order*, 38 FCC Rcd at 1104, para. 10.

⁸ 47 CFR § 1.106(f) (requiring petitions for reconsideration to be filed within 30 days of the date of the Bureau's decision). See also *Petitions for Reconsideration by Rockwood School District and Yakutat School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 13004 (WCB 2011) (*Rockwood School District Order*) (dismissing two petitions for reconsideration because they were filed more than 30 days after the date of the Bureau's decisions).

⁹ We remand these applications to USAC and direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a funding decision 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 equipment/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 rule).

¹⁰ See, e.g., *Request for Review of a Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Broadus Independent School District et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 15547, 15549, paras. 4-5 (WCB 2008) (*Broadus Independent School District Order*) (finding that USAC incorrectly changed the requested category of service during review of the FCC Form 471 application).

¹¹ See, e.g., *Requests for Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Central Islip Free Union School District et al; School and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, 29 FCC Rcd 2715, 2721, para. 10 (WCB 2014) (*Central Islip Free Union School District Order*) (granting an appeal because there is no Commission

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San Diego County Office of Education, CA, Application No. 241039709, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 18, 2024)

*Discount Calculation*¹²

Cornerstone School – Nevada, NV, Application No. 890370, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 4, 2014)

*Discount Calculation – Allowing Additional Documentation to Support Discount Rate Calculation*¹³

Brain Box Literacy Academy, IL, Application No. 241016046, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 7, 2025)

*Discount Calculation – Unable to Comply Within USAC's Permitted Time Period*¹⁴

Caesar Rodney School District, DE, Application No. 251025048, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 2, 2025)

Hondo Valley School District, NM, Application No. 251000554, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 4, 2025)

Noble Independent School District 40, OK, Application Nos. 251007547, 251016586, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Aug. 5, 2025)

*FCC Form 473 Technical Issue*¹⁵

requirement that vendor selection documentation be dated before the contract award date and there is no evidence of waste, fraud or abuse, or misuse of funds, or a failure to adhere to core program requirements).

¹² 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*) (remanding applications for further review when, upon *de novo* review, the Commission disagreed with USAC's discount calculation determination). We note that Cornerstone School was allowed to use USAC's alternative discount survey method for the FY 2014 application at issue here.

¹³ See, e.g., *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Bright Star Schools Consortium et al.; Schools and Libraries Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 11204, 11204, para. 1 (WCB 2013) (*Bright Star Schools Consortium Order*) (granting applicants a limited 15-day opportunity to submit additional documentation to support their calculation of the discount percentage rate on remand). We note that this additional information must include third-party documentation that verifies the student count. This could be based on information submitted to the state as part of the licensing and approval process for a pre-kindergarten or Head Start facility. Children under the age of three must be cost-allocated from the student count as well as they are ineligible for E-Rate support.

¹⁴ See, e.g., *Academia Claret Order*, 21 FCC Rcd at 10708, para. 12 (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). We note that the updated National School Lunch Program (NSLP) data was received late from the state for each of these cases.

¹⁵ See, e.g., *Aurora Public Library, et al., Schools And Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 2025 WL 1368065, *10, para. 10 (WCB May 7, 2025) (*Aurora Public Library Order*) (granting a waiver where service provider was unable to timely file its Service Provider Annual Certification due to technical issues).

Branchburg Township School District, NJ, Application No. 231033256, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 15, 2025)

*Late-Filed Appeal or Waiver – Submitted Only a Few Days Late*¹⁶

Dice Communications LLC (Amityville Union Free School District), NY, Application No. 221000028, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 25, 2025)

Green Bay Area Catholic Education Inc., WI, Application No. 231024600, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 1, 2025)

University Prep Steele Street Inc., WA, Application No. 241039839, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 22, 2025)

Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12, PA, Application No. 221014378, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 31, 2025)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications — Application Filed Late Due to Circumstances Beyond Their Control*¹⁷

ThrivePoint Academy of Utah, UT, Application No. 251043124, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 14, 2025)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications – Filed Within 14 Days of the Close of the Window*¹⁸

Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic Elementary School, TX, Application No. 251041879, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 19, 2025)

Wide Ruins Community School, AZ, Application No. 251042715, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 2, 2025)

¹⁶ 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*) (waiving the filing deadline for petitioners that submitted their appeals or waiver requests to the Commission or USAC only a few days late). We remand these applications to USAC and direct USAC to complete its review of the applications and issue a funding decision based on a complete review and analysis. See *supra* note 9.

¹⁷ 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) (*Abbotsford School District Order*) (granting waiver where the applicant filed within a reasonable period after the close of the application filing deadline despite delays beyond its control).

¹⁸ 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 for petitioners who filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days of the application filing window deadline).

*Ministerial and/or Clerical Error*¹⁹

Belvidere School District 100, IL, Application Nos. 251032972, 251019285, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 22, 2025)

Family Christian Center School of Clermont, FL, Application No. 241032606, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 23, 2025)

Legacy Traditional Schools, AZ, Application Nos. 211040148, 211020095, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 25, 2025)

Texarkana Independent School District, TX, Application Nos. 241010011, 251017615, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 25, 2025)

Tioga Central School District, NY, Application No. 251041805, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 28, 2025)

*Ministerial and Clerical Error – Invoicing*²⁰

City of Palm Coast (Flagler County School District), FL, Application No. 231012825, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 20, 2025)

*Ministerial and Clerical Error – FCC Form 486*²¹

Better Learning Communities Academy, MO, Application No. 816129, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 12, 2015)

¹⁹ See, e.g., *Requests for Waiver and Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Ann Arbor Public Schools*, 25 FCC Rcd 17319, 17320, nn.5, 9 (WCB 2010) (*Ann Arbor Public Schools Order*) (explaining that failure to enter an item from the source list onto the application is a ministerial/clerical error that can be permitted correction; permitting correction when applicant entered the wrong expiration date for a contract); *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, 15520, n.19 (WCB 2008) (*Archer Public Library Order*) (permitting applicants to make corrections on their forms when applicant entered an incorrect number of students eligible for the national school lunch program, requested the incorrect discount level, or listed incorrect recipients of service).

²⁰ See, e.g., *Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Accomack County Public School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 38 FCC Rcd 330, 335, paras. 7, 12 (WCB 2023) (*Accomack County Public School Order*) (granting a waiver where the E-Rate invoice filer entered the incorrect application number on a timely-filed invoice and granting a waiver of the appeal-filing deadline when E-Rate participants filed an appeal within 60 days of discovering or receiving notice of the ministerial or clerical error).

²¹ 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) (*Glendale Unified School District Order*); *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) (*Harvey Public Library District*); *Requests for Review and/or Waiver of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Barrow County School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC Rcd 4028 (WCB 2011) (*Barrow County Order*) (granting waiver requests when the applicants made a clerical error on their FCC Forms 486).

*USAC Decision Issued After Invoice Deadline*²²

Century Community Charter School, CA, Application No. 231035573, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 28, 2025)

Darnall Charter School, CA, Application No. 221038720, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 28, 2025)

Ottumwa Community School District, IA, Application Nos. 231028712, 231028744, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 16, 2025)

Denied*Competitive Bidding – No FCC Form 470 Filed*²³

Academia Interamericana De Arecibo, PR, Application No. 231037060, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 29, 2023)

*FCC Form 470 Waiver Denial*²⁴

Archivo Biblioteca, PR, No Application Filed, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 19, 2025) □

*Late-Filed FCC Form 486*²⁵

²² 47 CFR § 54.514(a)(3); *see also* *Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries*, WC Docket No. 13-184, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 14426, 14431, para. 15 (2020) (*2020 Invoicing Rule Modification 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 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).

²³ *See* 47 CFR § 54.504(c) (requiring applicants to seek competitive bids for E-Rate eligible services by posting an FCC Form 470 and waiting 28 days before entering into a contract for services); *Application for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Aberdeen School District, et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 22 FCC Rcd 8757, 8763, para. 10 (2007) (*Aberdeen School District Order*) (denying an appeal for an applicant that requested E-Rate program funds without posting an FCC Form 470 for the services).

²⁴ Because there is no deadline for the FCC Form 470, we deny the petitioner's request for a waiver because the FCC Form 470 that was not filed with enough time to allow for the 28-day competitive bidding period to run before timely filing of the FCC Form 471. *See, e.g., Request for Waiver by Cotton Center ISD; 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 643, 645, n.14 (CCB 2002) (*Cotton Center ISD Order*) (noting that "The FCC Form 470 merely initiates the process of requesting bids, and unlike the FCC Form 471 application, is not subject to a specified filing period and firm deadline.").

²⁵ *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) (*Archdiocese of New Orleans Order*) (granting relief only 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 applicants have demonstrated good cause for the late filing).

USAC also determined that Clayton School District was not in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) for funding year 2022 because it did not properly certify on the FCC Form 486 at issue.

Aspire Technology Partners, LLC (Clayton School District), NJ, Application No. 221010105, Request for Review, CC Docket No. 02-6 (referral appeals from USAC filed Nov. 28, 2023, Oct. 14, 2024, appeal filed Dec. 31, 2024)

*Late-Filed FCC Form 471 Applications*²⁶

Academic Solutions Academy-A, FL, Application No. 251043030, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

Academic Solutions Academy High School, FL, Application No. 251043029, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

Immaculate Conception Church, NY, Application No. 251043249, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 3, 2025)

Mary Louis Academy, NY, Application No. 251042869, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 23, 2025)²⁷

St Andrew's Parochial School, MN, Application No. 251043287, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 14, 2025)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran School, IL, Application No. 251043257, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

Wallace School District 393, ID, Application No. 251043288, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 15, 2025)

Washington County EOC d/b/a L.E.A.P., NY, Application No. 251039316, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 7, 2025)

Webster City Community School District, IA, Application No. 251043271, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 10, 2025)

*Late-Filed Invoice or Invoice Deadline Extension*²⁸

Beacon Technologies (Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools), TN, Application No. 211037540, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Jan. 10, 2025)

Clawson Public Schools, MI, Application No. 221029230, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 18, 2025)

²⁶ See, e.g., *Academy of Math and Science Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 9261-62, para. 13 (denying waivers of the FCC Form 471 application filing deadline where petitioners failed to present special circumstances justifying a waiver of the Commission's rules).

²⁷ Mary Louis Academy also failed to submit its waiver request to the Commission within 60 days as required by the Commission's rules. 47 CFR § 54.720(a); see also *infra* note 29.

²⁸ 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. 7 (WCB 2016) (*Ada School District Order*) (denying waiver requests for invoice filing deadline from petitioners who failed to seek an extension before the invoice filing deadline and did not demonstrate extraordinary circumstances to justify waiving the Commission's rules).

DataVizion, LLC (Knoxville Community School District), IA, Application Nos. 221029011, 221029310, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed May 23, 2025)

e-Polk, Inc. (Rutherford County Schools), NC, Application Nos. 211001360, 221005978, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 6, 2024, supplement filed Aug. 11, 2025)

MSPNETWORKS LLC (Family Life Academy Charter School), NY, Application No. 181034044, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 27, 2025)

Mumford Independent School District, TX, Application No. 221037853, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 18, 2023)

Oregon Fiber Partnership (Intermountain Education Service District and Malheur Education Service District), OR, Application Nos. 201004461, 201016349, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Nov. 30, 2021)

*Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests*²⁹

Andalusia School, NY, Application Nos. 1043085, 1043183, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 23, 2025)

Andalusia School, NY, Application No. 231036617, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 23, 2025)

Contact Network, LLC (Shelby County School District), AL, Application No. 978725, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Sept. 22, 2016)

Insight Public Sector Inc. (Brownsville Independent School District), AZ, Application No. 816612, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Mar. 26, 2020)

Saint Croix Christian Academy, VI, Application No. 191040281, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Feb. 10, 2020)

Tiferes Bais Yaakov School, NJ, Application No. 231037905, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed June 16, 2025)

Vero Fiber Networks (Mexico School District 59), MO, Application No. 231015778, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Apr. 16, 2025)

Whalley Computer Associates, Inc. (Monomoy Regional School District), MA, Application No. 201025667, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed Dec. 12, 2024)

²⁹ 47 CFR § 54.720(a). *See, e.g., Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Agra Public Schools I-134; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 5684, 5688, para. 6 (WCB 2010) (*Agra Public Schools Order*); *Requests for Waiver or Review of Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Bound Brook School District; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 29 FCC Rcd 5823, 5823, para. 1 (WCB 2014) (*Bound Brook School District Order*) (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 rule).

Whalley Computer Associates, Inc. (Wachusett Regional School District), MA, Application No. 201040770, Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 02-6 (filed July 25, 2024)

Emergency Connectivity Fund Program

WC Docket No. 21-93

Dismissed as Moot³⁰

Apex Computer Inc. (Lawrence Family Development Charter School), MA, Application No. ECF202200032, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed June 9, 2025)

Step CG, LLC (Duval County School District), FL, Application No. ECF202112344, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Mar. 31, 2025)

Dismissed as Funded³¹

L'Anse Creuse Public Schools, MI, Application No. ECF202208357, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Mar. 23, 2025)

Granted

*Ministerial and/or Clerical Errors*³²

MRA International (Cliffside Park School District), NJ, Application No. ECF222119997, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed July 16, 2025)

St. Michael Indian School, AZ, Application No. ECF202107301, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed July 15, 2025)

Denied

*Request to Include Additional Services*³³

³⁰ See, e.g., *Al Noor High School Order*, 27 FCC Rcd at 8223 (dismissing as moot requests for review where USAC took the requested action).

³¹ See, e.g., *Requests for Review of Decisions 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) (*Diversified Computer Solutions Order*) (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). Consistent with the Commission's decision to adopt the similar appeal and waiver rules that govern all of the Universal Service Fund programs, including the E-Rate program, and to leverage existing E-Rate processes and forms in the Emergency Connectivity Fund program, we rely on E-Rate program precedent to resolve these petitions for waiver of the Emergency Connectivity Fund program rules. See *Establishing Emergency Connectivity Fund to Close the Homework Gap*, WC Docket No. 21-93, 36 FCC Rcd 8696, 8740, 8746, paras. 90, 107 (2021) (*Emergency Connectivity Fund Report and Order*).

³² See, e.g., *Ann Arbor Public Schools Order*, 25 FCC Rcd at 17320-21, para. 2, n.23 (granting a waiver when applicant mistakenly provided the wrong documentation concerning a purchase). Consistent with precedent, we also grant a waiver of the appeal filing deadline. See also, e.g., *ABC Unified School District Order*, 26 FCC Rcd at 11019, para. 2.

³³ See, e.g., *Requests for Review of the Decisions of the Universal Service Administrator by Beth Rivka School et al.; Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 10653,

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Union Public Schools I-009, OK, Application No. ECF202114487, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Mar. 8, 2024)

*Untimely Filed Appeals or Waiver Requests*³⁴

Jefferson County School District, MS, Application No. ECF202207351, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Apr. 1, 2025)

Innovate Academy Technology Lifeline for Growth, ID, Application No. ECF202209700, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed July 13, 2022)

Most Precious Blood Catholic School, IN, Application No. ECF202208851, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Feb. 16, 2024)

St. Mary Magdalen Dual Language School, TX, Application No. ECF202205804, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Feb. 16, 2024)

United Brethren in Christ Academy, FL, Application No. ECF222120865, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 21-93 (filed Oct. 14, 2024)

Rural Health Care Program
WC Docket No. 02-60

Granted in Part

*Waiver of Information Request Deadline*³⁵

Twin Bridges Medical Center and ENA Healthcare Services, LLC, MT, Request for Waiver and Review, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 1965954 (filed Apr. 21, 2021)

10656, para. 5 (WCB 2010) (denying request for review for applicants seeking to revise their FCC Form 471 applications to include additional services).

³⁴ 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 rule). We note that the Commission adopted a shortened waiver and appeal timeframe of 30 days in the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program due to the short-term, emergent nature of the program. See 47 CFR § 54.1718; *Emergency Connectivity Fund Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 8746, para. 107. As such, requests for waiver of ECF Program rules that are filed more than 30 days after a deadline or decision will be denied.

³⁵ See *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 35 FCC Rcd 2922, 2925-26, para. 9 (WCB 2020) (waiving the 14-day deadline for applicants to respond to information requests from USAC and automatically extending that deadline an additional 28 days and directing USAC to consider information that an applicant provides even after the deadline to respond to an information request if the applicant can reasonably attribute such delay to its efforts to combat COVID-19). In this case, the health care provider's funding was denied by USAC due to failure to timely respond to an information request during the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the entity referenced the difficulties created by the pandemic. We grant the request for waiver of the information request deadline and allow Twin Bridges 28-days from the release of this Public Notice to respond to the information request. Additionally, we remand the application to USAC to address any issues with the urban rate that was provided on the FCC Form 466.

Denied*Ineligible Entities*³⁶

Rural Health Care, Inc., d/b/a Aza Health, and ENA Healthcare Services, LLC, FL, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 20220009106 (filed June 16, 2023)

*Waiver of the Information Request Deadline*³⁷

Bethel Family Clinic, AK, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 1710834 (filed Jan. 4, 2020)

Lewis Community Health Services d/b/a Valley View Health Center – Onalaska, WA, Request for Waiver, WC Docket No. 02-60, Funding Request No. 1840866 (filed July 29, 2020)

High-Cost Program (Connect America Fund)
WC Docket No. 10-90

Granted*High Cost Performance Measures Module Certification Reporting*³⁸

³⁶ See 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(7)(B) (establishing the categories of health care providers eligible for support in the Rural Healthcare Program); 47 CFR § 600(b) (listing same); *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Report and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 16678, 16683, para. 11 (2012) (listing same). Rural Health Care, Inc., and ENA Healthcare Services seek clarification of whether administrative offices and data centers can be included when calculating the rurality percentage of a consortium under section 54.607(b) of the Commission's rules. In the 2012 Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Order, the Commission expressly rejected a proposal to expand HCP eligibility to include administrative offices. *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Report and Order, 27 FCC Rcd 16678, 16742, n.373 (2012) (HCF Order). Under section 54.615, offsite data and administrative offices that connect to eligible HCPs are only eligible for funding that covers connections and network equipment associated with off-site data centers and administrative offices. The eligibility of administrative offices and offsite data centers for program support under section 54.615 does not grant them status as health care provider sites. HCF Program consortia must be comprised of more than 50% eligible rural health care providers. *Promoting Telehealth in Rural America*, WC Docket No. 17-310, Report and Order, 34 FCC Rcd 7335, 7403-05, para. 144 (2019). Because administrative sites and data centers are not considered HCPs under Program statute and rules, these entities do not count toward the majority rural threshold in a consortium.

³⁷ *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 30 FCC Rcd 230, 231-32, para. 3 (WCB 2015) (directing USAC to deny the associated funding requests "if applicants do not provide timely responses to USAC requests for omitted or adequate supporting documentation"). Bethel Family Clinic states that it did not timely respond to the information request deadline due to the "potential for confusion" resulting from the possible lack of a reminder message from USAC. Lewis Community Health Services states that it missed its information request deadline due to changes in management and email addresses. These facts do not satisfy the requirement that a waiver request include special circumstances warranting a deviation from the general rule. See *Northeast Cellular Telephone Co. v. FCC*, 897 F.2d 1164, 1166 (D.C. Cir. 1990).

³⁸ Brantley Telephone Company, Inc. timely uploaded its first quarter 2025 testing data into the Performance Measures Module, but did not timely certify the testing data as required by 47 CFR §54.313(j)(3). See *Connect America Fund, et al.*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 et al., Order, 36 FCC Rcd 13976, paras. 9-10 (WCB 2021) (granting a waiver to allow the carrier to report locations after the deadline for the reporting year when locations were timely uploaded to the High Cost Universal Broadband portal but due to an inadvertent administrative oversight were not timely certified); see also *Streamlined Resolution of Requests Related to Actions by the Universal Service Administrative Company*, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket Nos. 21-93, 10-90, 02-60 and 06-122, Public Notice,

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Brantley Telephone Company, Inc. Emergency Request for Expedited Treatment Petition for Waiver, WC Docket No. 10-90 (filed July 29, 2025)

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DA 25-244 (WCB April 1, 2025) (granting a waiver of the certification deadline for petitioners that conducted performance testing and timely uploaded testing results but failed to timely certify one or more quarters).