

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of the)	
Decision of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
)	
Half Hollow Hills School District)	File No. SLD- 144251
Dix Hills, New York)	
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)	
)	
Changes to the Board of Directors of the)	CC Docket No. 97-21
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: February 9, 2001

Released: February 12, 2001

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. This Order dismisses the Request for Review filed by Half Hollow Hills School District (Half Hollow), Dix Hills, New York, seeking review of a decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company's Schools and Libraries Division on May 8, 2000.¹ The Commission received Half Hollow's Request for Review on December 22, 2000.² Under section 54.720 of the Commission's rules, any such appeal must be filed within 30 days of the issuance of the decision as to which review is sought.³ Documents are considered to be filed

¹ See Letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Co., to Charles T. Bevington, Half Hollow Hills School District, dated May 8, 2000.

² Letter from Hal Blum, to Federal Communications Commission, filed December 22, 2000 (Request for Review). Half Hollow asserts that it submitted a timely appeal to the Commission, and provides a copy of a letter dated May 25, 2000 that appears to be a request for review of SLD's initial decision letter addressed to the Commission. Our records, however, do not indicate that such a request was filed. The proffered copy of the May 25, 2000 letter, without more, is insufficient to demonstrate that an appeal was timely filed with the Commission. See *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Pediatric Library of Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.*, File No. SLD-23380, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 15 FCC Rcd 3416 (Common Carrier Bur. 1999). We note that, in certain situations, we would consider a date-stamped postal return receipt to be persuasive evidence that a communication had in fact been received by the Commission.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720.

with the Commission only upon receipt.⁴ Because the instant Request for Review was not filed within the specified 30-day period, it will be dismissed without further consideration.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, and 54.722(a), that the Request for Review filed December 22, 2000, by Half Hollow Hills School District, Dix Hills, New York, IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.7.