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)
Blount County Schools) File No. SLD-310768
Maryville, Tennessee)
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Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)
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Changes to the Board of Directors of the) CC Docket No. 97-21
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)

ORDER

Adopted: July 11, 2003

Released: July 14, 2003

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. Blount County Schools (Blount County), Maryville, Tennessee, seeks review of a March 27, 2003 decision by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).¹ For a review of decisions by SLD issued on or after August 13, 2001, appeals to the Commission must be filed within 60 days of the issuance of the SLD decision date.² Here, Blount County filed its appeal on May 29, 2003, after the 60-day period, in contravention of our rules. We therefore dismiss the appeal.

¹ Letter from Alvin Hord, Blount County Schools, to Federal Communications Commission, filed May 29, 2003 (Request for Review); Letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Alvin Hord, Blount County Schools, dated March 27, 2003; 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.720(b). See Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, 17 FCC Rcd 339 (rel. Dec. 26, 2001), as corrected by Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Errata (Com. Car. Bur. rel. Dec. 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002).

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 on May 29, 2003, by Blount County Schools, Maryville, Tennessee, IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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