Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by))))
Jewish Educational Center Elizabeth, New Jersey) File No. SLD-304631
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service) CC Docket No. 96-45
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.) CC Docket No. 97-21

ORDER

Adopted: October 4, 2002 Released: October 7, 2002

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

- 1. The Telecommunications Access Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Jewish Educational Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey. 1 Jewish Educational Center seeks review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator), in which SLD rejected Jewish Educational Center's request to correct a date entry in its application for discounted services under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism. 2 For the reasons set forth below, we affirm SLD's rejection and deny Jewish Educational Center's Request for Review.
- 2. SLD issued a Funding Commitment Decision Letter on April 24, 2002, approving Jewish Educational Center's request for discounted services under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.³ Specifically, SLD approved Jewish Educational Center's request for discounts for telecommunications services, Funding Request Number (FRN) 786517.⁴ On July 24, 2002, Jewish Educational Center filed an appeal of SLD's decision stating

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¹ Letter from Evelyn C. Wolgin, Jewish Educational Center, to Federal Communications Commission, filed August 6, 2002 (Request for Review).

² See Request for Review. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R § 54.719(c).

³ Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Evelyn C. Wolgin, Jewish Educational Center, dated April 24, 2002 (Funding Commitment Decision Letter).

⁴ *Id*.

that Jewish Educational Center wanted to make a correction to a data entry error in the Funding Commitment Decision Letter.⁵ On July 26, 2002, SLD issued an Administrator's Decision on Appeal indicating that it would not consider Jewish Educational Center's appeal because it was received more than 60 days after the April 24, 2002 Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued.⁶ Jewish Educational Center subsequently filed the instant Request for Review with the Commission.

- 3. For requests seeking review of decisions issued on or after August 13, 2001 under section 54.720(b) of the Commission's rules, any such appeal must be filed with the Commission or SLD within 60 days of the issuance of the decision that the party seeks to have reviewed. Documents are considered to be filed with the Commission or SLD only upon receipt. Because the Jewish Educational Center's Request for Administrator Review was not filed within the requisite 60-day period, we affirm the Administrator's Decision on Appeal and deny the instant Request for Review.
- 4. 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 by Jewish Educational Center, Elizabeth, New Jersey, on August 6, 2002, IS DENIED.

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Mark G. Seifert Deputy Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division Wireline Competition Bureau

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⁵ Letter from Evelyn C. Wolgin, Jewish Educational Center, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed July 24, 2002 (Request for Administrator Review).

⁶ Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Evelyn C. Wolgin, Jewish Educational Center, dated July 26, 2002 (Administrator's Decision on Appeal).

⁷ 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, FCC 01-376 (rel. December 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. December 28, 2001 and January 4, 2002).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.7.