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Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
 Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
 Request for Review by)
 the North Middlesex Regional School District) Application No. 35035
 of the Decision of)
 the Universal Service Administrator)

In the Matter of)
 Request for Review by)
 the White Sulphur Springs School District) Application No. 82064
 of the Decision of)
 the Universal Service Administrator)

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service) CC Docket No. 96-45

Changes to the Board of Directors)
 of the National Exchange Carrier) CC Docket No. 97-21 ✓
 Association, Inc.)

Order

Adopted: July 16, 1999

Released: July 19, 1999

By the Commission:

1. This Order extends the time period for issuing decisions on two school districts' requests for review of decisions made by the Universal Service Administrator (Administrator). On April 22, 1999, White Sulphur Springs School District, White Sulphur Springs, Montana (White Sulphur Springs) requested Commission review of the Administrator's decision granting in part, and denying in part, White Sulphur Spring's request, made pursuant to section 254 of the Communications Act, for discounted Internet access service. On May 11, 1999, North Middlesex Regional School District, Townsend, Massachusetts (North Middlesex) requested Commission review of the Administrator's decision granting in part, and denying in part, North Middlesex's request for discounted Internet access service.

2. Section 54.724 of the Commission's rules generally provides that a decision

must be issued in response to a request for review of the Administrator's decision within ninety days, unless the time period is extended.¹ Unless the time periods are extended, a decision on the White Sulphur Springs request for review must be issued not later than July 21, 1999, and a decision on the North Middlesex request for review must be issued not later than August 9, 1999, or the decisions of the Administrator shall be deemed approved.² By this Order, the time period is extended, and a decision will be issued no later than September 17, 1999.

3. The issues raised in the White Sulphur Springs and North Middlesex requests for review are related to the issues raised in the petitions for review filed by the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee, Education Networks of America (ENA), and Integrated Systems and Internet Solutions, Inc. (ISIS) (collectively, Tennessee/ENA/ISIS petitions).³ The Tennessee/ENA/ISIS petitions present the Commission with its first opportunity to consider a number of new and complex issues regarding implementation of the schools and libraries support mechanism. The Commission will issue a decision resolving these petitions no later than August 11, 1999.⁴ In light of the similarity between the issues presented in the Tennessee/ENA/ISIS petitions and the issues presented in the requests for review filed by White Sulphur Springs and North Middlesex, it is necessary to extend the time period for reviewing the present request until after the Commission has resolved the Tennessee/ENA/ISIS requests for review.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 54.724 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.724, the time period for issuing a decision in the request for review of the Administrator's decision with respect to White Sulphur Springs School District, Application 82064, IS EXTENDED TO NO LATER THAN September 17, 1999.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.724.

² See 47 C.F.R. § 54.724(a).

³ Request for Review by the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator, Education Networks of America, and Integrated Systems and Internet Solutions, Inc., Application No. 18132, CC Docket No. 96-45; CC Docket No. 97-21 (filed March 29, 1999).

⁴ The Commission extended to August 11, 1999 the date by which a decision must be issued on the Tennessee/ENA/ISIS petitions. Request for Review by the Department of Education of the State of Tennessee of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator, Education Networks of America, and Integrated Systems and Internet Solutions, Inc., Order, Application No. 18132, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 (rel. June 24, 1999).

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 54.724 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.724, the time period for issuing a decision in the request for review of the Administrator's decision with respect to North Middlesex, Application 35035, IS EXTENDED TO NO LATER THAN September 17, 1999.

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