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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of)	
Decisions of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
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Henryetta Public Schools)	File No. SLD-64568
Henryetta, Oklahoma)	
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Butts County Schools)	File No. SLD-28211
Jackson, Georgia)	
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Crookston Public Schools)	File No. SLD-50583
Crookston, Minnesota)	
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Simpson County School District)	File No. SLD-16180
Mendenhall, Mississippi)	
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Bonner Springs High School)	File No. SLD-137548
Bonner Springs, Kansas)	
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Currituck County Schools)	File No. SLD-111040
Currituck, North Carolina)	
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St. Mary's School – Rosebank)	File No. SLD-37391
Staten Island, New York)	
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Eastern Montana Telemedicine)	File Nos. HCP-10262-1,
Network on behalf of the Sidney)	HCP-10263-1, HCP-10264-1 and
Health Center, Glendive Medical)	HCP-10265-1
Center, Colstrip Medical Center)	
and the Eastern Montana)	
Community Mental Health Center)	
Billings, Montana)	
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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. 97-211✓
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: November 19, 1999

Released: November 19, 1999

By the Commission:

1. The Commission has under consideration the above-captioned requests for review of decisions issued by the Schools and Libraries Division and the Rural Health Care Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC or Administrator). These requests seek review of the Administrator's denial of requests, made pursuant to section 254 of the Communications Act, for discounted services under the universal service support mechanisms for schools and libraries and rural health care providers.¹

2. The Commission's rules generally provide that the Commission must issue a written decision in response to a request for review of an Administrator decision that involves novel questions of fact, law, or policy within ninety days unless the time period is extended.² If the request for review does not involve novel questions of fact, law, or policy, the Commission's rules provide that the Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) should consider the request for review and the Administrator's decision will be deemed approved unless the Bureau issues a decision within ninety days or extends the time period for considering the request for review within ninety days.³ Due to the large number of requests for review pending before the Commission with deadlines in November, and due to the complexity of the issues raised in these requests for review, the Commission and the Bureau require additional time to review the issues presented in the above-captioned requests for review.

3. Accordingly, we extend by 30 days the deadline by which the Commission or the Bureau must take action regarding the above-captioned requests for review of decisions by the Schools and Libraries Division in File Numbers SLD-64568, SLD-28211, SLD-50583, SLD-16180, SLD-137548, SLD-111040 and SLD-37391. Furthermore, we extend by 45 days the deadline by which the Commission or the Bureau must take action regarding the above captioned request by the Eastern Montana Telemedicine Network for review of decisions by the Rural Health Care Division.

¹ 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).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.724(b).

³ 47 C.F.R §§ 54.722(a); 54.724(a).

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 taking action in the above-captioned requests for review of decisions by the Schools and Libraries Division IS EXTENDED BY thirty days from the original ninety-day deadline, and the time period for taking action in the above-captioned request for review of decisions by the Rural Health Care Division IS EXTENDED BY forty-five days from the original ninety-day deadline.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary