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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)
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Request for Review of)
Decisions of the)
Universal Service Administrator by)
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Franklin County Public Schools)
Rocky Mount, Virginia)
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Federal-State Joint Board on)
Universal Service)
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Changes to the Board of Directors of the)
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)

File No. SLD-115024

CC Docket No. 96-45 ✓

CC Docket No. 97-21

ORDER

Adopted: July 21, 2000

Released: July 24, 2000

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Common Carrier Bureau (Bureau) has under consideration the above-captioned Letter of Appeal filed by Franklin County Public Schools (Franklin County), Rocky Mount, Virginia.¹ This Letter of Appeal seeks review of the Administrator's denial of Franklin County's application for discounted services under the universal service support mechanism for schools and libraries.²

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.³ If the request for review does not involve novel questions of fact, law, or policy, the Commission's rules provide that the Bureau should consider the request for review within ninety days or extend the time period for considering the request for review.⁴ The Bureau originally extended the date

¹ Letter from Leonard A. Gereau, Franklin County Public Schools, to Federal Communications Commission, filed February 25, 2000 (Letter of Appeal).

² 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).

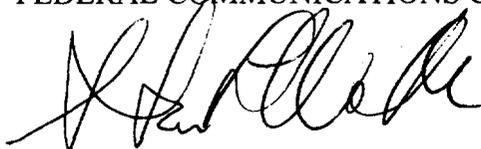
³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.724(b).

⁴ 47 C.F.R §§ 54.722(a); 54.724(a).

by which the Bureau must take action on Franklin County's Letter of Appeal by sixty (60) days, to July 24, 2000. Due to the complexity of the issues raised in Franklin County's Letter of Appeal, however, the Bureau requires additional time to review the issues presented. Accordingly, we extend by thirty (30) days the deadline by which the Bureau must take action regarding Franklin County's Letter of Appeal.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 54.724 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.724, that the time period for taking action on Franklin County's Letter of Appeal IS EXTENDED BY thirty (30) days from the original ninety-day deadline, to August 23, 2000.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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