

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

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In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review of the)	
Decision of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
)	
Vernon Parish School District)	File No. SLD-199092
Leesville, Louisiana)	
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on)	CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)	
)	
Changes to the Board of Directors of the)	CC Docket No. 97-21✓
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: September 13, 2000

Released: September 14, 2000

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. In this Order, the Accounting Policy Division dismisses without prejudice the Letter of Appeal filed by Vernon Parish School District (Vernon Parish), Leesville, Louisiana, on June 12, 2000.¹ In its Letter of Appeal, Vernon Parish seeks review of a funding commitment decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator) on May 12, 2000. Prior to the time that Vernon Parish filed its appeal with the Commission, it filed a Letter of Appeal with the Administrator.² The Commission's rules regarding appeals of SLD decisions do not contemplate simultaneous appeals to the Commission and the Administrator.³ In this case, because Vernon Parish has an appeal pending before the Administrator, we dismiss Vernon Parish's Letter of Appeal to the Commission without prejudice. Once the Administrator has issued its decision on Vernon

¹ See Letter of Appeal from Don S. Gallemore, Vernon Parish School District, to Federal Communications Commission, filed June 12, 2000.

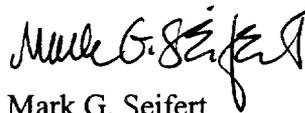
² See Letter from Don S. Gallemore, Vernon Parish School District, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed May 25, 2000.

³ See 47 C.F.R. § 54.720 (allowing appeals to either the Commission or the Administrator, but tolling the filing period with the Commission, when an applicant has an appeal pending with the Administrator, until the Administrator issues a decision on the appeal).

Parish's initial appeal, Vernon Parish may then appeal to the Commission if it believes such appeal is warranted at that time.⁴

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 Letter of Appeal filed on June 12, 2000 by Vernon Parish School District, Leesville, Louisiana, IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719 – 54.725 (setting forth rights of review, filing deadlines, standards of review, and other rules pertaining to Commission review of the Administrator's decisions).