

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 )  
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EDmin Open Systems, Inc. )  
San Diego, California )  
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Federal-State Joint Board on )  
Universal Service )  
)  
Changes to the Board of Directors of the )  
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. )

File No. SLD-203723

CC Docket No. 96-45 ✓

CC Docket No. 97-21

**ORDER**

**Adopted: November 28, 2000**

**Released: November 29, 2000**

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Accounting Policy Division has under consideration a Letter of Appeal filed by EDmin Open Systems, Inc. (EDmin), San Diego, California, seeking review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).<sup>1</sup> EDmin seeks review of SLD's refusal to consider EDmin's appeal to SLD on the grounds that it was untimely filed. For the reasons set forth below, we deny EDmin's appeal.

2. SLD issued a Funding Commitment Decision Letter on July 21, 2000, denying EDmin's request for discounted services under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, SLD denied EDmin's request for discounts for internal connections. On September 8, 2000, EDmin filed an appeal of SLD's decision to deny funding.<sup>3</sup> On September 11, 2000, SLD issued an Administrator's Decision on Appeal indicating that it would not consider EDmin's appeal because it was received more than 30 days after the Funding

<sup>1</sup> Letter from Greg Shorts, EDmin Open Systems, Inc., to Federal Communications Commission, filed September 26, 2000 (Letter of Appeal).

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Michael Castanos, EDmin Open Systems, Inc., dated July 21, 2000 (Funding Commitment Decision Letter).

<sup>3</sup> Letter from Greg Shorts, EDmin Open Systems, Inc., to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed September 8, 2000.