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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
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RE: CC Docket No. 97-21, CC Docket No. 96-45 Request for Limited  
Waiver of the Quarterly Filing Requirements of Section 54.709

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

Attached is a copy of a request that was previously sent to the Common Carrier Bureau. We are submitting it to you at this time and requesting that it be included in the record in these proceedings.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this request. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Irene Flannery  
Chief, Accounting Policy Division  
Common Carrier Bureau  
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445 Twelfth Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

In re: Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association,  
CC Docket No. 97-21, and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45; Limited Waiver of Section 54.709(a)(3)

Dear Ms. Flannery:

The Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") respectfully seeks a limited waiver of the quarterly filing requirements of Section 54.709(a)(3) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR §54.709, for the January 2001 filing of quarterly projections for the universal service support programs administered by USAC: the high cost and low-income programs, the schools and libraries program and the rural health care program. USAC seeks a one-week extension of time to delay the filing of projections for the second quarter of 2001 until February 6, 2001.

Section 54.709(a)(3) requires USAC, on a quarterly basis, to submit projections to the Commission and the Common Carrier Bureau at least sixty (60) calendar days prior to the start of that quarter for inclusion in the calculation of contribution factors to fund the aforementioned programs. Prior to submitting the quarterly filings, USAC's Committees and Board of Directors must meet in Washington, DC to approve the projected program requirements, funding base and administrative expenses to be included in the filing.

Typically, the USAC Board of Directors and Committees meet the week of, or the week immediately prior to, the filing date to review and approve the material to be filed. Because January 30, 2001, the scheduled filing date, is on a Monday, the USAC Board of Directors and Committees would need to meet the week prior to the filing. USAC does not believe that scheduling a meeting in Washington, D.C. during that week will be possible due to the Presidential inauguration which will be occurring at that time.

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USAC does not believe that any interested party will be prejudiced by a one week delay in the filing for second quarter 2001, and that ample time will be available for the Commission and interested parties to review the projected funding requirements prior to their becoming effective on April 1, 2001.

We appreciate the Commission's attention to this request for limited waiver of its rules. Please contact us if there are any questions regarding our request, or if there is anything further we can do for you.

Sincerely,

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