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Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Rhode Island, 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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Newport Public School District)
Newport, Rhode Island)
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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.)

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File No. SLD- 191994

CC Docket No. 96-45

CC Docket No. 97-21 ✓

ORDER

Adopted: January 5, 2001

Released: January 8, 2001

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. This Order dismisses the Letter of Appeal filed by Newport Public School District (Newport County), Newport, Rhode Island, seeking review of a decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company's Schools and Libraries Division on June 8, 2000.¹ The Commission received Newport County's Letter of Appeal on October 30, 2000.² Under section 54.720 of the Commission's rules, any such appeal must be filed within 30 days of the issuance of the decision as to which review is sought.³ Documents are considered to be filed with the Commission only upon receipt.⁴ Because the instant Letter of Appeal was not filed within the specified 30-day period, it will be dismissed without further consideration.

¹ See Letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Co., to Alan Kritz, Newport Public School District, dated June 8, 2000.

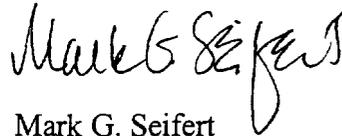
² Letter from Alan M. Kritz, to Federal Communications Commission, filed October 30, 2000 (Letter of Appeal).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.7.

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 October 30, 2000, by Newport Public School District, Newport, Rhode Island, IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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