

**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554**

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In the Matter of	)	2001 MAR -6 P 1:17
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Request for Review of the	)	
Decision of the	)	
Universal Service Administrator by	)	
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Salem County Vocational Technical Schools	)	File No. SLD- 186327
Woodstown, New Jersey	)	
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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: February 21, 2001**

**Released: February 22, 2001**

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. This Order dismisses the Request for Review filed by Salem County Vocational Technical Schools (Salem County), Woodstown, New Jersey, seeking review of a decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company's Schools and Libraries Division on October 31, 2000.<sup>1</sup> The Commission received Salem County's Request for Review on December 19, 2000.<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> Documents are considered to be filed with the Commission only upon receipt.<sup>4</sup> Because the instant Request

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Co., to Esther R. Pennell, Salem County Vocational Technical Schools, dated October 31, 2000. Salem County asserts that it did not receive the October 31, 2000 decision letter, and became aware of the decision only after having contacted SLD. A review of the record indicates that SLD did issue an Administrator's Decision on Appeal on October 31, 2000. Merely stating that a letter was not received at the address provided to SLD and to which prior correspondence had been successfully mailed is insufficient grounds for reconsideration. See *Request for Review by Whitehall City School District, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Carrier Association, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 00-1892 (Com. Car. Bur. rel. August 18, 2000); *Juan Galiano*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 5 FCC Rcd 6442, 6443 (1990) ("[I]f the Commission were to entertain and accept unsupported arguments that letters mailed in Commission proceedings were not delivered... procedural havoc and abuse would result.").

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Esther R. Pennell, to Federal Communications Commission, filed December 19, 2000 (Request for Review).

<sup>3</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.720.

<sup>4</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 1.7.

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for Review was not filed within the specified 30-day period, it will be dismissed without further consideration.

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 Request for Review filed December 19, 2000, by Salem County Vocational Technical Schools, Woodstown, New Jersey, IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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