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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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Whitehall District Schools )  
Whitehall, Michigan )  
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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-256253

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**ORDER**

**Adopted: November 13, 2001**

**Released: November 14, 2001**

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Accounting Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Whitehall District Schools (Whitehall), Whitehall, Michigan, seeking review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).<sup>1</sup> Whitehall seeks review of SLD's refusal to consider Whitehall's appeal to SLD on the grounds that it was untimely filed. For the reasons set forth below, we deny Whitehall's appeal.

2. SLD issued a Funding Commitment Decision Letter on April 27, 2001, denying Whitehall's request for discounted services under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, SLD denied Whitehall's request for discounts for internal connections, Funding Request Number (FRN) 303830. On July 23, 2001, Whitehall filed an appeal of SLD's decision to deny FRN 303830.<sup>3</sup> On August 3, 2001, SLD issued an Administrator's Decision on Appeal indicating that it would not consider Whitehall's appeal

<sup>1</sup> Letter from James Decker, Whitehall District Schools, to Federal Communications Commission, filed August 16, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to James Decker, Whitehall District Schools, dated April 27, 2001.

<sup>3</sup> Letter from James Decker, Whitehall District Schools, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed December 19, 2000.

5. 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 by Whitehall District Schools, Whitehall, Michigan on August 16, 2001, IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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