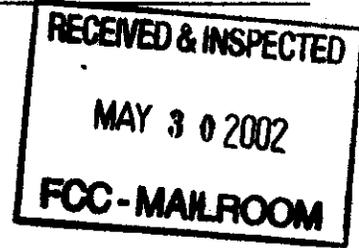


Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554



In the Matter of)
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Request for Review of the)
Decision of the)
Universal Service Administrator by)
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Golden Ridge School)
Fairfield, Montana)
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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.)

File No. SLD-260271

CC Docket No. 96-45

CC Docket No. 97-21 ✓

ORDER

Adopted: May 28, 2002

Released: May 29, 2002

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. Before the Telecommunications Access Policy Division is a Request for Review filed by Golden Ridge School (Golden Ridge), Fairfield, Montana, seeking review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).¹ Golden Ridge seeks review of SLD's denial of its FCC Form 471 application, stating that Golden Ridge's application did not meet the filing requirements for the 2001-2002 Schools and Libraries filing window.² However, since the Request for Review was filed, SLD issued an Administrator's Decision on Appeal, denying Golden Ridge's appeal in full because Golden Ridge's Form 470 Certification was not postmarked prior to the close of the filing window on January 18, 2001.³ Therefore, we dismiss Golden Ridge's Request for Review as moot. Nothing in this Order prevents Golden Ridge from appealing the Administrator's

¹ Letter from Caroline Forseth, Golden Ridge School, to Federal Communications Commission, filed August 20, 2001 (Request for Review).

² See Request for Review; Postcard from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Joe Campbell, Amity Regional High School, postmarked July 11, 2001. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c).

³ See Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Caroline Forseth, Golden Ridge School, dated February 5, 2002 (Administrator's Decision on Appeal).

Decision on Appeal to the Commission within the 60-day time period allowed for such appeals from the date of the Administrator's Decision on Appeal.⁴

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 by Golden Ridge School, Fairfield, Montana, on August 20, 2001 IS DISMISSED as moot.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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⁴ See *Implementation of Interim Filing Procedures for Filings of Requests for Review, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Order, FCC 01-376 (rel. Dec. 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002) (applicants have 60 days from the date of issuance of the decision being reviewed to file their appeal to the Commission). For appeals filed with the Commission, applicants may now submit their appeals by facsimile or electronic mail to ensure timely filing. *Id.* (If filed by facsimile, pleadings shall be faxed to 202-418-0187; if filed by electronic mail, pleadings shall be filed at the following e-mail address: CCBSecretary@fcc.gov). Also, pleadings may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (May 1, 1998). Pleadings filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>.