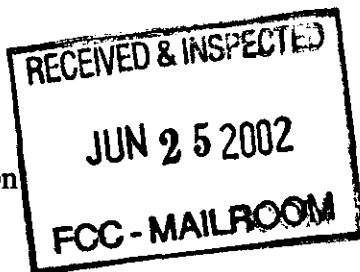




BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
A Private Non-Profit Corporation Since 1957



June 20, 2002

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington DC 20554

RE: Application Number: 228457
Funding Year: 2001-2002
Funding Request Number: 580295
Date Rejection Letter Issued: 03/15/2002
Date Appeal Received: 05/15/2002
Date Appeal Mailed: 05/13/2002

DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL

CC Docket Numbers 96-45 and 97-21.

This is an appeal of the Administrator's Decision not to accept an appeal submitted to Schools and Library Division (SLD) for the above listed Form 471 Application and Funding Request.

SLD rejected the appeal indicating "our records show that your appeal was received more than 60 days after the date your Form 471 Certification-Rejection was issued."

The SLD Client Service Bureau advised that an appeal must be "postmarked" no later than 60 days of the date that the relevant Funding Commitment Decision letter was issued.

In addition, an email inquiry to question@universalservice.org further confirmed the requirement of SLD accepting an appeal "postmarked" no later than 60 days of the date the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued.

Based on the SLD guidance, our appeal was mailed via US Postal Service certified mail on 5/13/2002, 59 days from the 3/15/2002 date of the relevant Funding Commitment Decision Letter.

Therefore, since the appeals were timely in accordance with the SLD's own guidance, I request that the FCC direct the SLD to accept the 5/13/2002 appeal as having met the requirements for timely submission.

No. of Copies rec'd 071
List ABCDE

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call me at (703)777-3485 extension 330.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W.D. Martin, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Walter D. Martin, Jr.
Director, Business &
Support Services