

**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)	
)	
James Ward Elementary School)	File No. SLD- 135780
Chicago, Illinois)	
)	
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: November 28, 2000

Released: November 29, 2000

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. This Order dismisses the Letter of Appeal filed by James Ward Elementary School (James Ward), Chicago, Illinois, seeking review of a decision issued by the Universal Service Administrative Company's Schools and Libraries Division on May 2, 2000.¹ The Commission received James Ward's Letter of Appeal on September 8, 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 Larry Kline, James Ward Elementary School, dated May 2, 2000.

² Letter from Larry Kline, James Ward Elementary School, to Federal Communications Commission, filed September 8, 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 September 8, 2000, by James Ward Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois, IS DISMISSED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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