

**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)	
)	
Unicom, Inc.)	RHCD Nos. 10175, 10179, 10182,
Anchorage, Alaska)	10188, 10197, 10209, 10214, 10217
)	
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: December 3, 2001

Released: December 4, 2001

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Division:

1. In this Order, we grant the Joint Motion of Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) and General Communications, Inc. (GCI) for an extension of time to respond to a Request for Review filed by Unicom, Inc. (Unicom).¹ In its Request for Review, Unicom opposes funding commitment decisions issued by the Rural Health Care Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator) to YKHC under the rural health care universal service mechanism.² Unicom alleges, *inter alia*, that YKHC's award of a service agreement to GCI violated the Commission's competitive bidding requirements.³

2. In their Joint Motion for Extension of Time, YKHC and GCI state that they oppose Unicom's complaint on both procedural and substantive grounds. YKHC and GCI note that Commission rules provide that oppositions to a Request for Review must be filed within 10

¹ Joint Motion for Extension of Time by counsel for Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and General Communications, Inc., to Federal Communications Commission, filed October 22, 2001 (Joint Motion for Extension of Time).

² *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Unicom, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Request for Review, filed October 9, 2001 (Request for Review), at 2.

³ *Id.*

days.⁴ However, the parties request an extension of time to file their responses due to a scheduling conflict with GCI's attorney. That motion is unopposed.

3. Based on consideration of YKHC's and GCI's joint filing, we conclude that a 30 day extension of time is warranted. Therefore, we shall grant the Joint Motion for Extension of Time to supplement the record in this proceeding until 30 days from this Order's release date.

4. IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.46 of the Commission's rules, that the Joint Motion for Extension of Time filed by Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation and General Communications, Inc. is GRANTED as stated herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.45, 54.720.