

**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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Unicom, Inc. Anchorage, Alaska)	RHCD Nos. 10175, 10179, 10182, 10188, 10197, 10209, 10214, 10217
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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
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Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	CC Docket No. 97-21
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ORDER

Adopted: December 21, 2001

Released: December 26, 2001

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Division:

1. In this Order, we grant the Motion for Extension of Time filed by Unicom, Inc. (Unicom).¹ Unicom filed a Request for Review, opposing funding commitment decisions issued by the Rural Health Care Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator) to Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) under the rural health care universal service support 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. YKHC and General Communications, Inc. (GCI) filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to respond to Unicom's Request for Review.⁴ In their Joint Motion, YKHC and GCI stated that they oppose Unicom's complaint on both procedural and substantive

¹ Motion for Extension of Time by counsel for Unicom, Inc., to Federal Communications Commission, filed November 21, 2001 (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.*

⁴ 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).

grounds.⁵ The Commission granted the Joint Motion on December 4, 2001.⁶ Unicom then filed the instant Motion for Extension of Time.⁷ Unicom seeks to respond to YKHC's and GCI's Petition in Opposition to Unicom's Request for Review.

3. Based on the considerations set forth in Unicom's filing, we conclude that a 30-day extension of time is warranted. Therefore, we shall grant Unicom's Motion for Extension of Time to supplement the record in this proceeding until 30 days from this Order's release date. We shall thereafter issue an order on the basis of the information contained in the record as it exists on the thirtieth day 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 Motion for Extension of Time filed by Unicom, Inc. is GRANTED as stated herein.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Request for Review by Unicom, Inc. Federal-State Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association Inc.*, File Nos. SLD-10175, 10179, 10182, 10188, 10197, 10209, 10214, 10217, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, DA 01-2811 (Com. Car. Bur. rel. December 4, 2001).

⁷ Motion for Extension of Time.