

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)	
)	
Knowlton Township Board of Education)	File No. SLD- 236577
Delaware, New Jersey)	
)	
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 21, 2001

Released: December 26, 2001

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Accounting Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Knowlton Township Board of Education (Knowlton), Delaware, New Jersey, on July 30, 2001.¹ At the same time that Knowlton filed its request with the Commission, it submitted a request for review with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).² For the reasons set forth below, we dismiss Knowlton’s Request for Review to the Commission without prejudice.

2. The Commission's rules regarding appeals of SLD decisions do not contemplate simultaneous requests to the Commission and the Administrator.³ In this case, because Knowlton has a request pending before the Administrator, we dismiss Knowlton’s Request for Review to the Commission without prejudice. Once the Administrator has issued its decision on

¹ Letter from Eva Kunz, Knowlton Township Board of Education, to Federal Communications Commission, filed July 30, 2001 (Request for Review).

² Letter from Eva Kunz, Knowlton Township Board of Education, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, dated July 27, 2001 (Request for Administrator Review).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720 (allowing appeals to either the Commission or the Administrator, but tolling the filing period with the Commission, when an applicant has an appeal pending with the Administrator, until the Administrator issues a decision on the appeal).

Knowlton's initial request, Knowlton may then appeal to the Commission if it believes such appeal is warranted at that time.⁴

3. 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 Knowlton Township Board of Education, Delaware, New Jersey, on July 30, 2001, IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Common Carrier Bureau

⁴ See 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719 – 54.725 (setting forth rights of review, filing deadlines, standards of review, and other rules pertaining to Commission review of the Administrator's decisions).