

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of
Request for Review of the
Decision of the
Universal Service Administrator by
Closter Board of Education
Closter, New Jersey
Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service
Changes to the Board of Directors of the
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.
File No. SLD-327917
CC Docket No. 96-45
CC Docket No. 97-21

ORDER

Adopted: August 5, 2002

Released: August 6, 2002

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. The Telecommunications Access Policy Division has under consideration a Request for Review filed by Closter Board of Education (Closter), Closter, New Jersey. Prior to the time that Closter filed its request with the Commission, it filed a request for review with the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator). For the reasons set forth below, we dismiss Closter'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. In this case, because Closter has a request pending before the Administrator, we dismiss Closter's Request for Review to the Commission without prejudice. Once the Administrator has issued its decision on Closter's

1 Letter from Barbara Mulholland, Closter Board of Education, to Federal Communications Commission, filed June 21, 2002 (Request for Review).

2 Letter from Barbara Mulholland, Closter Board of Education, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed June 17, 2002 (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).

initial request, Closter 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 on June 21, 2002 by Closter Board of Education, Closter, New Jersey, IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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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).