

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Requests for Review)	
of Decisions of the)	
Universal Service Administrator by)	
MasterMind Internet Services, Inc.)	SPIN-143006149
)	
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	
Changes to the Board of Directors of the)	CC Docket No. 97-21
National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.)	

ORDER

Adopted: February 24, 2000

Released: February 25, 2000

By the Commission:

1. The Commission has under consideration three appeals filed by MasterMind Internet Services, Inc. (MasterMind) on November 24, 1999, December 16, 1999, and January 13, 2000, seeking review of decisions issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).¹ MasterMind seeks review of SLD's denial of more than 265 applications for discounted services filed by schools located in Oklahoma, for which MasterMind is the identified service provider. MasterMind also filed, on December 23, 1999, a Motion to Expedite Review.²

2. The Commission's rules provide that the Commission must issue a written decision in response to a request for review of an Administrator decision that involves novel questions of fact, law, or policy within ninety days, unless the time period is extended.³ Under the ninety-day deadline imposed by our rules, a decision for the first of MasterMind's three appeals would be required by February 22, 2000, absent an extension. By this order, the time for issuing a decision is extended with respect to all three

¹ *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by MasterMind Internet Services, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 (filed November 24, 1999); *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by MasterMind Internet Services, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 (filed December 16, 1999); *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by MasterMind Internet Services, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 (filed January 13, 2000).

² *Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by MasterMind Internet Services, Inc.*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Motion to Expedite Review (filed December 23, 1999).

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.724(b).

appeals, and a decision will be issued no later than April 21, 2000.⁴

3. In denying the applications at issue here, SLD found that “[t]he circumstances surrounding the filing of the form 470 associated with this application violated the intent of the bidding process.”⁵ These requests for review present the Commission with a number of new and complex issues regarding the competitive bidding requirements under the schools and libraries support mechanism that require more time to resolve. Accordingly, it is necessary to extend the time period for deciding the issues presented.

4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to section 54.724 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. § 54.724, that the time period for taking action in the above-captioned requests for review of decisions by the Schools and Libraries Division IS EXTENDED to April 21, 2000 and the Motion to Expedite Review IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary

⁴ April 21, 2000, represents a ninety-day extension from February 22, 2000, the original deadline for the first appeal filed by MasterMind.

⁵ *See, e.g.*, Funding Commitment Decision Letter, Universal Service Administrative Company to Agra Independent School District 134, issued October 26, 1999.