

**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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St. Edward on the Lake School)	File No. SLD-233572
Lakeport, Michigan)	
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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: February 25, 2002

Released: February 26, 2002

By the Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau:

1. The Accounting Policy Division has under consideration a Waiver Request filed by St. Edward on the Lake School (St. Edward), Lakeport, Michigan, seeking review of a decision issued by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).¹ St. Edward seeks review of SLD's denial of its application for discounts under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.² For the reasons set forth below, we grant St. Edward's Waiver Request and remand St. Edward's application to SLD for further consideration.

2. St. Edward filed its Funding Year 4 FCC Form 471 with SLD on December 27, 2000.³ By letter dated March 21, 2001, SLD informed St. Edward that its application did not meet Minimum Processing Standards and could not be processed.⁴ Specifically, SLD stated that

¹ Letter from Helen Casper, St. Edward on the Lake School, to Federal Communications Commission, filed April 2, 2001 (Waiver Request).

² See Waiver Request. Section 54.719(c) of the Commission's rules provides that any person aggrieved by an action taken by a division of the Administrator may seek review from the Commission. 47 C.F.R. § 54.719(c).

³ FCC Form 471, St. Edward on the Lake School, filed December 27, 2000 (St. Edward FCC Form 471).

⁴ Letter from the Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Helen Casper, St. Edward on the Lake School, dated March 21, 2001 (Rejection Letter).

the FCC Form 470 Application Number in Block 5, Item 12 of the FCC Form 471 was blank or incomplete.⁵ SLD's letter indicated that St. Edward could appeal SLD's decision with either SLD or with the Commission.⁶ Shortly thereafter, St. Edwards inputted its FCC Form 470 Application Number and forwarded the corrected FCC Form 471 application to the Commission.⁷

3. Recently, in the *Pediatric Library Order*, we addressed the different procedures adopted by SLD in Funding Year 3 for reviewing applications where the applicant either fails to enter an FCC Form 470 number or enters a number with fewer than 14 digits versus applications where the applicant enters 14 digits or a complete 15-digit number.⁸ We determined that it is not likely to be more difficult for SLD to obtain a correct FCC Form 470 number in cases where the number was omitted than in cases where 14 digits were entered. Accordingly, in the *Pediatric Library Order*, we reversed SLD's rejection of applications with FCC Form 470 Application Numbers that were missing or contained fewer than 14 digits.⁹ We find that SLD rejected St. Edward's application because no FCC Form 470 Application number was listed.¹⁰ Thus, in accordance with our decision in the *Pediatric Library Order*, we remand St. Edward's application to SLD for further processing in accordance with this order.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ Waiver Request.

⁸ *Request for Review by Pediatric Library, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, et. al., Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, Changes to the Board of Directors of National Exchange Carrier Association*, File No. NEC.471.12-27-99.03200022, CC Dockets No. 95-45 and 97-21, Order (Com. Car. Bur. rel. Nov. 14, 2001) (*Pediatric Library Order*). SLD has amended its procedures for processing the FCC Form 471 to address the inconsistencies identified in the *Pediatric Library Order*.

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ See Rejection Letter.

4. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to authority delegated under sections 0.91, 0.291, 1.3, and 54.722(a) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.3, and 54.722(a), that the Waiver Request filed by the St. Edward on the Lake School, on April 2, 2001, IS GRANTED, and its application is REMANDED to SLD for further processing.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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