

**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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Blackstone Public Library)	File No. SLD-352966
Crewe, Virginia)	
)	
Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism)	

ORDER

Adopted: February 18, 2004

Released: February 19, 2004

By the Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau:

1. Nottoway County Library, on behalf of Blackstone Public Library (Blackstone), Crewe, Virginia, seeks review of a May 1, 2003 decision by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (Administrator).¹ On July 18, 2003, Blackstone appealed the decision to SLD, but SLD denied the appeal because Blackstone filed the appeal more than 60 days after the decision was rendered.² We affirm SLD's decision. For a review of decisions by SLD, appeals to SLD must be filed within 60 days of the issuance of the SLD decision date.³ Here, Blackstone filed its appeal to SLD after the 60-day period, in contravention of our rules. We therefore deny the Request for Review.

¹ Letter from Nancy Pierce, Blackstone Public Library, to Federal Communications Commission, filed September 8, 2003 (Request for Review). *See also* Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Nancy Pierce, Blackstone Public Library, dated May 1, 2003 (Funding Commitment Decision Letter). 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).

² *See* Letter from Nancy Pierce, Blackstone Public Library, to Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company, filed July 22, 2003.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.720(b). *See In the Matter of Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism*, CC Docket No. 02-6, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 9202, 9221 (2003).

2. 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 Request for Review filed on September 8, 2003, by Nottoway County Library, on behalf of Blackstone Public Library, Crewe, Virginia, IS DENIED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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