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**DA 98-949
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UNITED NATIVE AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. REQUEST FOR WAIVER

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: June 2, 1998

Reply Comment Date: June 9, 1998

The Commission directed private telecommunications service providers that offer their services to others for a fee, and payphone aggregators to contribute to the Universal Service Funds.¹ The Commission exempted from this requirement all entities that provide interstate telecommunications exclusively to the government,² and those whose annual contribution would be less than \$10,000.³ By letter dated March 27, 1998, United Native American Telecommunications, Inc. (UNAT) requested exemption from the contribution requirement because it allegedly collects 98.68% of its private-line revenue from telecommunications services that it provides to the U.S. government, and the revenue generated by its one commercial customer would require it to contribute less than \$10,000 annually.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 9183 at ¶ 794 (rel. May 8, 1997) (*Report and Order*), consolidated appeals pending sub nom. *Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel v. FCC*, Civ. No. 97-60421 (5th Cir.); 47 C.F.R. § 54.703.

² *Report and Order* 9186 at ¶ 800.

³ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Transport Rate Structure and Pricing, End User Common Line Charge*, CC Dockets 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, *Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-420 (Dec. 30, 1997) at ¶ 297.

Parties wishing to comment on this Request for Waiver are directed to file the comments on or before **June 2, 1998**, to file reply comments on or before **June 9, 1998**, in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

Procedure for Filing

Comments should reference: United Native American Telecommunications, Inc. Request for Waiver, CC Docket No. 96-45, and should include the DA number shown on this Public Notice. Interested parties must file an original and five copies of their comments with the Office of Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Room 222, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should send three copies of their comments to **Makysha Moton**, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2100 M. St, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties should send one copy of their comments to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Copies of documents filed with the Commission, including the Request for Waiver, may be obtained from the International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the FCC Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

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