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PETITION OF SADDLEBACK COMMUNICATIONS FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER

PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED

CC Docket No. 96-45

Comment Date: June 23, 1998
Reply Comment Date: June 30, 1998

On December 29, 1997, the Commission released a public notice establishing the procedures the Commission will use to designate eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.[1] On June 2, 1998, Saddleback Communications (Saddleback) submitted a petition seeking designation by the Commission as an eligible telecommunications carrier (Petition). Saddleback contends that the Commission should grant its petition because Saddleback meets the requirements for designation, and it is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission.

Parties wishing to comment on this petition are directed to file the comments on or before **June 23, 1998**, to file reply comments on or before **June 30, 1998**, in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

Procedure for Filing

Comments should reference: Petition of Saddleback Communications for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, 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

[1] *Procedures for FCC Designation of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act, Public Notice*, FCC 97-419 (rel. Dec. 29, 1997), 63 Fed. Reg. 162 (Jan. 5, 1998).

of their comments to Sheryl Todd, 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 petition, 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.

For further information, contact Linda P. Armstrong, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or via e-mail: larmstro@fcc.gov.

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