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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR A REQUEST BY J.B.N. TELEPHONE  
COMPANY, INC. TO ELIMINATE OR INCREASE COMPANY-SPECIFIC CAP  
UPON UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND ASSISTANCE**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**Released Date: December 17, 1998**

**Comment Date: January 7, 1999**

**Reply Date: January 21, 1999**

On December 4, 1998, J.B.N. Telephone Company, Inc. ("J.B.N.") filed a Request to Eliminate or Increase Company-Specific Cap Upon Universal Service Fund ("Request"). J.B.N. requests that the Common Carrier Bureau eliminate, or in the alternative, increase the cap that will significantly curtail the 1999 Universal Service Fund assistance for the thirteen rural exchanges which it owned and operated prior to the imposition of the cap.

Interested parties may file comments on the petition on or before **January 7, 1999**, and reply comments on or before **January 21, 1999**. All filings should refer to the pleading as: Request to Eliminate or Modify the Specific Limit Imposed by the Bureau Order Upon the Company's Universal Service Fund Assistance Filed by J.B.N. Telephone Company, Inc., CC Docket No. 96-45, and should include the DA number shown on this Public Notice. Interested parties must file an original and six copies of their comments with the Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, 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, may be obtained from the International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800. Documents are also available for review and copying at the FCC Reference Center, 445 Twelfth Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parties may also file comments electronically via the Internet at: <http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>. Only one copy of an electronic submission must be submitted. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, Postal Service mailing address, and the lead docket number for this proceeding, which is CC Docket No. 96-45. Parties not submitting their comments via the Internet are also asked to submit their comments on diskette. Parties submitting diskettes should submit them to Sheryl Todd, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 2100 M. St, N.W., 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20554. Such a submission should be on a 3.5 inch diskette formatted in an IBM compatible format using WordPerfect 5.1 for Windows or compatible software. The diskette should be accompanied by a cover letter and should be submitted in "read only" mode. The

diskette should be clearly labelled with the party's name, proceeding (including the lead docket number in this case, Docket No. 96-45, type of pleading -- comment or reply comment), date of submission, and the name of the electronic file on the diskette. Each diskette should contain only one party's pleadings, preferably in a single electronic file. In addition, parties must send copies to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further information, contact Sumita Mukhoty, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau at (202) 418-7400, TTY (202) 418-0484.