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PUBLIC NOTICE

On August 26, 2026, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc. ("MATI") filed a Petition for Support from the State Rural Universal Service Fund ("SRUSF"). MATI's Application requests that the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission ("Commission") grant support from the SRUSF in the amount of \$1,165,442 annually for a period of five years.

MATI's service territory encompasses the Mescalero Apache Reservation in south central New Mexico.

The SRUSF is a fund established by the State of New Mexico and managed by the Commission to maintain and support universal service provided by eligible telecommunications carriers. The commission may authorize payments from the fund to incumbent rural telecommunications carriers based on factors that may include a carrier's regulated revenues, expenses or investment, to ensure the widespread availability and affordability of universal service.

MATI's complete Application is accessible online on the Commission's PRCe360 Docketing System at <https://e360.prc.nm.gov/portal/public/#/public/nm-prc/en/home> under Docket Number 26-0000162. The Application is also available at MATI's office, 75 Carrizo Canyon Rd. Mescalero, 88340. Telephone (575) 464-4039.

This notice:

- Describes the request in MATI's application
- Describes the Commission's process for considering MATI's application and
- Describes how you can participate in this process (if you wish to do so)

**NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON YOUR PART UNLESS YOU WANT TO BECOME
A PARTY OR COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION**

The major events for public participation in this matter, which concerns the requested Petition for support from the SRUSF, will occur as follows:

- Deadline to file motions to intervene to become a party: **October 13, 2026**
- Deadline to file intervenors' direct testimony: **October 13, 2026**
- Deadline to file rebuttal testimony: **October 26, 2026**
- Public Evidentiary Hearing: **November 9, 2026**

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to hear and receive testimony, exhibits, and legal arguments about the Application is set for **Monday, November 9, 2026, commencing at 9 a.m.** The hearing will be conducted online and can be viewed via livestream on the Commission's YouTube channel and its website, <https://www.prc.nm.gov/public-hearings/>. Please contact the Commission for confirmation of the hearing, because hearings are occasionally cancelled or rescheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENT

People who are not associated with a party to this case may make written or oral comment concerning the requested Petition as allowed by Rule 1.2.2.23(F) NMAC. Written comments must refer to **Docket Number 26-0000162** and be submitted before the Commission makes a final decision. Written comments should be submitted online through the PRCe360 Docketing System provided below. Comments can also be sent via US mail to PRC Records P.O. Box 1269, Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Alternatively, oral public comments concerning the Petition for Support from the SRUSF are also welcome during Commission open meetings. The open meeting schedule can be found at www.prc.nm.gov/nmprc-open-meeting-agenda/. Email public.comment@prc.nm.gov or call (505) 490-7910 to sign up to comment online or by phone at an open meeting.

Instructions to submit written public comment online, to file pleadings and other documents, and to search Commission dockets are found at <https://e360.prc.nm.gov/portal/public/#/public/nm-prc/en/home>. All filings subject to deadlines must be submitted within regular business hours of the due date to be considered timely filed.

TO BECOME A PARTY

If you wish to appear in this docket concerning the Petition for Support from the State Rural Universal Service Fund as a party, you must file a motion for leave to intervene, pursuant to 1.2.2.23 NMAC, on or before **October 13, 2026**. Intervenors must become familiar with the rules regarding practicing before the Commission and all other applicable rules.

The Commission's Rules of Procedure 1.2.2 NMAC apply except as modified by order of the Commission or Hearing Examiner. These and other rules are available online at <https://srca.nm.gov/nmac-home/nmac-titles/>.

THE DEADLINES GIVEN ABOVE ARE NOT ALL THE DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THIS MATTER, AND PARTIES AND POTENTIAL INTERVENORS ARE ADVISED TO READ THE COMPLETE PROCEDURAL ORDER ISSUED ON **September 11, 2026**, FOUND ON THE PRCE360 DOCKETING SYSTEM.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO, IN ORDER TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING, REQUIRE A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AID OR SERVICE OR OTHER TYPE OF ACCESSIBLE FORMAT OF PUBLIC DOCUMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OF THE COMMISSION AT (505) 827-8019 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE HEARING.

Any person who desires more information about this case may contact the Commission by phone at (505) 827-4084 or 1-888-427-5772 or by email at Ryan.Jimenez@prc.nm.gov.