

Communications improved

United Utilities, a Native owned telephone utility certificated to provide telephone service to Calista region communities, has begun direct dial service to the village communities of Alakanuk and Emmonak on the Lower Yukon.

Service to Alakanuk was initiated on May 15 and to Emmonak on May 25. The single line bush telephone service to these communities was disconnected at that time. People attempting to reach either one of these communities are advised to contact directory assistance for appropriate listings, according to the company.

With the start of service to these two villages, United Utilities has completed central office installations for its Phase I com-

munities less than one year after an Award of Certification from the Alaska Public Utilities Commission. Service to other communities in the region will be initiated as soon as necessary construction permits are obtained from the APUC, United Utilities said.