

# Alascom cuts phone rates

Alascom Inc., the state's primary long-distance telecommunications company, has announced that it will once again cut its interstate long-distance rates.

The cuts, effective Dec. 31, will average 22 percent. They are the eighth and ninth such cuts for interstate rates since Alascom began statewide operations in 1971.

The rates are being reduced as a result of two separate Federal Communications Commission orders, according to Alascom spokesman Tom Jensen.

"We are very pleased that the FCC

has approved both of our requests. With these rate reductions, Alascom once again achieves a milestone in bringing long-distance costs to an all-time low," Jensen said.

"Since beginning operations in Alaska in 1971, Alascom's out-of-state rates have been reduced nine times and have dropped by more than 79 percent. A \$10 call in 1970 now costs about \$2.10," he said.

Specific information on all of the new rates may be obtained by contacting the Alascom long-distance operator at any time, according to Alascom.