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**STATEMENT OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS
MICHAEL ANDERSON ON SCHAGHTICOKE STIPULATION**

"On June 23, the parties to the case, Schaghticoke Tribal Nation vs. Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the United States Department of Interior, and Kevin Gover, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, United States Department of Interior, filed a joint stipulation in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia."

"The stipulation states the Department of Interior will decide by August 8, 2000, on the Schaghticoke tribe's request for concurrent consideration of its petition with the petition of the Golden Hill Paugusset Tribe."

"The Department will not render any proposed finding, or any other proposed or final determination, on the petition for federal recognition filed by the Golden Hill Paugusset Tribe until October 2, 2000."

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