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**VIA NEXT DAY DELIVERY**

Pamela Bonrud  
Executive Director  
SD Public Utilities Commission  
500 E Capitol Avenue  
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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION

RE: Wireless Alliance L.L.C., (WALLC) a subsidiary of Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) Minnesota, Inc., for Request for Certification as an ETC  
GPGN File No. 7401.040099

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

On behalf of Wireless Alliance L.L.C., (WALLC) a subsidiary of Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) Minnesota, Inc., enclosed you will find the original and ten copies of this letter requesting state certification of WALLC for federal universal service support, sworn request of David Del Zoppo supporting certification and, in support of the sworn request, Confidential Exhibits A and B, providing financial information showing that all support received will be used "only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which such support is intended." I would request that the above matter be filed and WALLC be certified.

This request is filed to verify that WALLC will use all federal universal service support received only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as required of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Please note that David Del Zoppo, Vice President, Finance and Accounting of WALLC, has certified that all funds received will be used in accordance with federal and state laws and implementing rules.

Please note that projections for areas where a redefinition is still pending in front of the FCC has not been included in any projections. However, the request confirms that any support funds that are received next year, which would include any funds received should the

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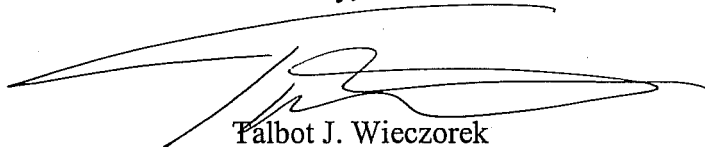
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redefinition by the FCC be accomplished in time to allow the receipt of funds in calendar year 2006, will be used as required by statute.

Please note that the financial information attached to the request, Exhibits A and B, have been labeled "*Confidential and Proprietary*." The information is confidential under A.R.S.D. 20:10:1:39(4) and (5). Because of this, RCC requests confidential treatment of Exhibits A and B of the request pursuant to A.R.S.D. 20:10:01:41 and that the material be held confidential for ten years and then destroyed. This information is confidential as the information is internal and proprietary, can be used adversely by competitors, and development and financial planning constitutes trade secrets as recognized by law. If there are any inquiries as to the confidential treatment, I may be contacted at the above address.

If you need any additional information on the Request for Certification or the Request for Confidential and Proprietary Treatment, please let me know. Once the request is filed, please provide me with a date stamped copy of the Request for Certification. I have enclosed a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Talbot J. Wiczorek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Talbot J. Wiczorek

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Enclosures  
c: Beth Kohler  
Steve Otto

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DESIGNATION OF COMMON CARRIERS	}	BEFORE THE
AS ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS	}	
CARRIERS (ETC) TO RECEIVE FEDERAL	}	SOUTH DAKOTA
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS PURSUANT	}	
TO THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS	}	PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMMISSION'S FOURTEENTH REPORT	}	
AND ORDER ADOPTING A STATE	}	COMMISSION
CERTIFICATION PROCESS	}	

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**COUNTY OF DOUGLAS**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared David Del Zoppo of Wireless Alliance L.L.C. (WALLC), a subsidiary of Rural Cellular Corporation (RCC) who on his oath deposed and said:

1. My name is David Del Zoppo. I am employed by RCC in the position of Vice President, Finance and Accounting. In this position, I am personally familiar with the Federal Universal Service support received by WALLC and how the Company uses these funds.
2. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission designated WALLC as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in certain non-rural telephone company exchanges and certain rural telephone company study areas in Application No. TC03-193 dated June 6, 2005. Pursuant to the designation order, Finding of Fact number 71 subparts (1), (2), and (3), RCC Minnesota and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C. filed the required compliance documents on July 30, 2005.
3. The Federal Universal Service support funds received by WALLC, to the extent any are applied for and received, will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities for which the support is intended, as designated by the Federal Communications Commission consistent with Section 254(e) of the Federal

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Telecommunications Act. These funds will be used to provide the following supported services as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101 which are available throughout WALLC' designated service area.

- (a) voice grade access to the public switched network;
- (b) local usage;
- (c) dual tone multi frequency signaling, or its functional equivalent;
- (d) single party service, or its functional equivalent;
- (e) access to emergency services, including 911 and enhanced 911 service;
- (f) access to operator services;
- (g) access to interexchange service;
- (h) access to directory assistance;
- (i) toll blocking for qualifying low-income customers; and
- (j) toll control for qualifying low-income customers.

4. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.



David Del Zoppo  
Vice President, Finance and Accounting

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on  
this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

