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VIA E-MAIL

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: ETC Certification - Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.,

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed please find the August 3, 2006, response of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. to the data request issued by Public Utilities Commission staff on August 2, 2006. Please consider this filing to be part of the record of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. in its annual ETC certification proceeding.

If you have any questions regarding this filing or require any further documentation, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (605) 335-4989. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Don Snyder



August 3, 2006

Mr. Harlen Best
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.

Dear Mr. Best:

This letter is in response to your correspondence dated August 1, 2006. It is intended to answer the questions addressed in that correspondence.

- 1.) Please provide an Estimated 2007 Federal Universal Service Receipts, itemized by support category.

Estimated 2007 universal service support payments received for study area 391657 and allocated to Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. are as follows:

High Cost Loop Support	\$339,195
Safety Net Additive Support	\$45,036
Local Switching Support	\$776,098

- 2.) ARSD 20:10:32:43.04 requires Alliance to demonstrate how it satisfies consumer protection (see also ARSD 20:10:33:31, 20:10:34:09, and 20:10:34:10) and service quality standards (see ARSD 20:10:33).

20:10:33:31-Failure to pay for services other than local exchange services- Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. gives customers the option to have any partial payment applied to specific services. If full payment is not received at the time of disconnect, local service would continue and the additional services such as CATV, internet and toll would be discontinued until the customer pays the bill in full. Collections policies state that special arrangements will be made on a customer by customer basis.

20:10:34:09 Billing Requirements-Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. provides a monthly detailed bill to all customers under their dba Alliance Communications. The bill clearly identifies the Alliance

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Communications address and local phone number to the billing office for questions and/or service changes.

20:10:34:10 Notification of increase in rates-Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. under their dba Alliance Communications uses letters to the customers effected as the means of notification of any rate increase that takes place.

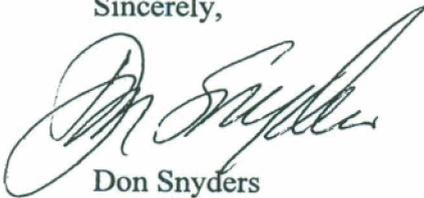
20:10:33 Service Quality Standards-Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. borrows money from RUS and complies with RUS service quality standards. In reviewing the standards set forth in ARSD 20:10:33, Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. meets or exceeds these service quality standards.

- 3) Did any of the estimated 2005 improvements not take place? If yes, explain why the improvement did not take place.

All improvements listed as estimated for 2005 for Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. took place during calendar year 2005.

If you have any further questions regarding the information provided, please feel free to contact Kari Flanagan at (605)594-8228.

Sincerely,



Don Snyder
General Manager

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