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RE: **MATTER OF MIDCONTINENT COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE LOCAL  
EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE BALTIC AND CROOKS EXCHANGES**  
Docket TC08-105  
Our file: 0053

Dear Patty:

Accompanying this letter is the page from the Alliance Communications Christmas newsletter which I used to support my arguments in favor of Midcontinent's Motion to Compel Discovery at the Commission's meeting on December 30, 2008. I mentioned at the meeting that I would file a copy of this document with the Commission because I had not had an opportunity to do so before the meeting. Please file this letter and the enclosure in this docket. Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

MAY, ADAM, GERDES & THOMPSON LLP

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Enclosure

cc/enc: Service List

# Superior Internet service will make you technologically

## Alliance to upgrade ALL customers, even rural residents, with fiber-optics

You will have access to the best technology anywhere following Alliance's upgrade to fiber optics.

More than 10 million homes worldwide already have fiber-to-the-home connections because the technology far surpasses current technologies. A key benefit to fiber optics is that it provides faster connection speeds and carrying capacity than DSL or coaxial cable. For example, a single copper pair line can carry six phone calls. A single fiber line can carry more than 2.5 million phone calls simultaneously, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

Alliance Communications has developed an aggressive plan to upgrade all customers, town and rural, to fiber-optics. You will be able to receive the fastest Internet, the sharpest cable TV and digital telephone from Alliance Communications. Rural customers will no longer need to use unreliable satellite TV or slow wireless Internet. Here are tentative dates for when the first round of upgrades will be completed:

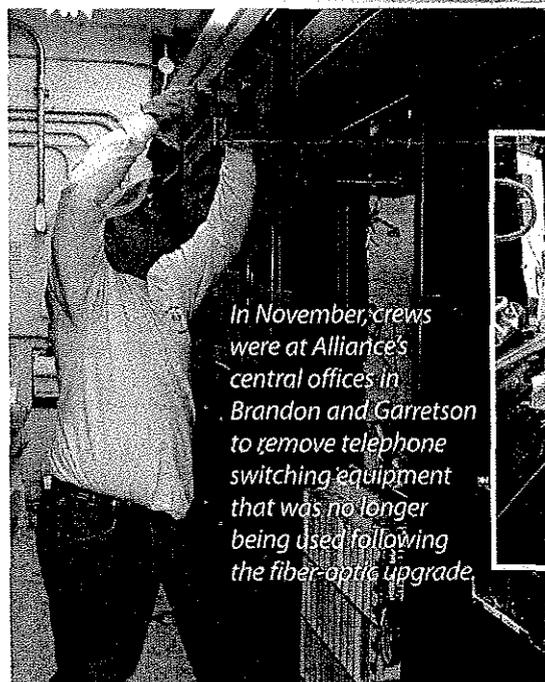
- Baltic town 2009; Baltic rural 2010
- Brandon town 2008; Brandon rural 2009
- Crooks town 2009; Crooks rural 2010
- Garretson town 2009; Garretson rural 2010
- Howard town 2010
- Inwood town 2010
- Larchwood town 2010
- Valley Springs town and rural 2009

The remaining communities, in-town and rural, will follow.

Experts at the Fiber-to-the-Home Council say fiber is the only technology with enough bandwidth to handle projected consumer demands. Fiber has a virtually unlimited bandwidth, making it "future safe," so it will be in place for a long time to come.

Deploying fiber optics costs about the same as current technologies. According to the Fiber-to-the-Home Council, cable companies spent about \$84 billion to wire households a decade ago, but it costs even less in today's dollars to wire those houses with fiber-optic technology.

Alliance Communications looks forward to bringing you the best services available anywhere at affordable prices.



*In November, crews were at Alliance's central offices in Brandon and Garretson to remove telephone switching equipment that was no longer being used following the fiber-optic upgrade.*

