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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.

Study Areas 391642, 391657, and 391405

Our File No. 280.01

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is the annual ETC Certification of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. presently operates in three separate study areas in the State of South Dakota. The accompanying exhibits are prepared on the basis of each separate study area.

Enclosed with the annual ETC Certification of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. are the following exhibits:

- 1. Exhibit A Progress Report for Study Area 391657 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 2. Exhibit A Progress Report for Study Area 391642 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 3. Exhibit A Progress Report for Study Area 391405 (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 4. Exhibit B Cover Page
- 5. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391657) (Redacted);
- 6. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391657) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 7. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391642) (Redacted);

- 8. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391642) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 9. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391405) (Redacted);
- 10. Exhibit B FCC Form 481 (SA 391405) (Confidential and Proprietary);
- 11. Exhibit C Affidavit of General Manager of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.;
- 12. Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc.'s Lifeline Linkup Advertising/Outreach Annual Report as of July 1, 2017.

Please note that the items identified as 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, and 10 are marked confidential. Items 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 12 may be made available for public review. Please treat all items marked as confidential and proprietary as such during your review of these documents.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at 605-335-4950. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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