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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC  
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Status of Build Commitments TC 03-193

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In accordance with condition number eight of the Order designating RCC Minnesota, Inc. (RCC) and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C. (WALLC) as Eligible Telecommunications Carriers, we are hereby reporting on the status of the four cell site commitments to be built within one year of receipt of high cost support for the entirety of our designated areas. RCC and WALLC became eligible for high cost support for their entire designated areas in November 2005 with actual receipt of support in February 2006.

Two of the sites were to be located in RCC's licensed area near the towns of Willow Lake and Toronto. The Toronto site was turned up on January 26, 2007. For the Willow Lake site, commercial power has been brought up to the site and we are awaiting completion of the equipment installation by our contractor. The cold weather we have been encountering has hindered their ability to complete this work.

The other two sites were to be in WALLC's licensed area near the towns of Lyons and Baltic. In our September 7, 2006 supplemental filing, we provided explanation to the Commission that due to the fact that RCC and WALLC were designated as separate ETCs, that there was not sufficient USF support to construct two sites in the WALLC area. In discussions with Staff, RCC added an additional site in the RCC area (Sisseton DT site) to replace the Baltic commitment as documented in our letter to Staff dated February 27, 2006. As of January 31, 2007, tower work has been completed for the Lyons site; however we are awaiting commercial power to turn up the site. For the Sisseton site, the building has been placed and we are awaiting commercial power to the site and completion of the tower work.

Due to the level of USF support that WALLC receives, construction of the Baltic site has been delayed until 2008.

Sincerely,



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