

November 30, 2006

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

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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. As of November 30, 2006, the Willow Lake site is under construction with construction to be completed in the next 30 days. Construction of this site was delayed due to the period to obtain leasing agreements taking longer than usual. RCC is still working on obtaining a lease for the Toronto site. The necessary permits and equipment has been obtained with construction to begin upon the owner signing the lease agreement. RCC expects the Toronto site to be completed prior to December 31, 2006.

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 November 30, 2006 the Lyons site is under construction with planned completion prior to December 31, 2006. The Sisseton site is awaiting leasing agreements for microwave interconnects. Once these have been obtained, construction will begin with a January 2007 projected completion date.

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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