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Ms. Karen Cremer
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Re: Docket No. TC11-083

Dear Ms. Cremer:

This letter is in response to the Information Request you issued in the above-referenced docket on November 8, 2011. Your questions will be addressed in the order in which they were posed in your Information Request.

1) *Will any current customers of Hills and Splitrock be adversely affected by the reorganization?*

RESPONSE: No. None of the current customers of Hills Telephone Company, Inc. ("Hills") or Splitrock Properties, Inc. ("Splitrock") will be adversely affected by the reorganization.

2) *Referring to section 16 of the application, will any current patrons of Splitrock and Hills who continue to receive local exchange telephone service not qualify for membership under the bylaws of Alliance?*

RESPONSE: No. None of the current patrons of Splitrock and Hills who continue to receive local exchange telephone service will fail to qualify for membership under the bylaws of Alliance.

3) *Will the company contact information regarding complaints and regulatory matters change as a result of the reorganization? If so, please provide the updated information.*

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RESPONSE: The contact information regarding complaints and regulatory matters, including those of Hills and Splitrock, should all be directed to Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc., whose contact information remains the same.

4) *Will any EAS arrangements change due to the reorganization?*

RESPONSE: No. None of the EAS arrangements will change due to the reorganization.

5) *Please provide the SD Sales Tax number and Federal Employee ID number that will be in use after the reorganization.*

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6) *Are Alliance and Hills in good standing with the Iowa Utilities Board and Minnesota Public Utilities Commission? If not, please explain.*

RESPONSE: Yes. Both Alliance and Hills are in good standing with the Iowa Utilities Board and Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

7) *Are Alliance, Hills, and Splitrock in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission? If no, please explain.*

RESPONSE: Yes. Alliance, Hills, and Splitrock are all in good standing with the Federal Communications Commission.

As referenced in the cover letter to this filing, please consider the responses to the Information Request to be confidential. Please treat the information accordingly. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or require any additional information or documentation, please feel free to contact me at your convenience at (605) 335-4968. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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