

STATEMENT DEMONSTRATING FUNCTIONALITY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

At line 600 of FCC Form 481, Venture Communications Cooperative certified that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R § 54.202(a)(1)(ii). This means that Venture Communications Cooperative has reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations. This statement will detail how Venture Communications Cooperative is prepared to ensure continued service in an emergency situation.

Back-Up Power

Venture Communications Cooperative has a back-up generator available with a minimum of a four hour power supply for its central office. In addition, it has portable generators available for remote sites.

Rerouting of Traffic around Damaged Facilities

Venture Communications Cooperative has route redundancy for long distance service, E-911 trunking and SS7 signaling trunking.

In the case of isolated groups of customers that may suffer damage due to a cable cut, Venture Communications Cooperative maintains sufficient staff and other resources to be able to put customers back in service in a very short amount of time. Venture Communications Cooperative emergency service equipment is located within its exchange and requires very little time to dispatch.

Traffic Spikes

Venture Communications Cooperative outside plant is designed, engineered and built with sufficient capacity to handle traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations and has been able to do so in the past. Venture Communications Cooperative is in an area where severe weather strikes periodically and has been able to handle communication needs at those times and has the experience from those situations to be able handle such emergency situations in the future.