



March 9, 2021
Via Electronic Filing

Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. dba Alliance Communications Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On behalf of Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. dba Alliance Communications (Alliance) we have attached for filing the Application for Expanded Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and SDPUC requirements. Alliance seeks Expanded ETC designation in the State of South Dakota in all census blocks where it has been awarded Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I support as a winner in the FCC's RDOF Phase I Auction (Action 904).

Alliance satisfies all the statutory and regulatory requirements for expanded designation as an ETC in the requested designated service area. As explained in the attached application, the public interest would be served by granting this petition. Alliance request that the Commission review and approve this application for designation as an ETC no later than June 1 so that Alliance can file it by the FCC deadline of June 7, 2021.

Sincerely,

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