

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR)	ORDER APPROVING
APPROVAL OF AN INTERMTA FACTOR)	AGREEMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ALLIANCE)	
COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE, INC. AND)	TC05-171
RURAL CELLULAR CORPORATION)	

On September 8, 2005, the Commission received for approval a filing of an InterMTA Factor Agreement between Alliance Communications Cooperative, Inc. (Alliance) and Rural Cellular Corporation (Rural Cellular).

On September 15, 2005, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of this filing to interested individuals and entities. The notice stated that any person wishing to comment on the parties' request for approval had until September 29, 2005, to do so. No comments were filed.

At its duly noticed November 1, 2005, meeting, the Commission considered whether to approve the agreement between Alliance and Rural Cellular. Commission Staff recommended its approval.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-31, and the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. In accordance with 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2), the Commission found that the agreement does not discriminate against a telecommunications carrier that is not a party to the agreement and the agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the agreement. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission approves the agreement.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of November, 2005.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u>Helaine Kolbo</u>
Date: <u>11/7/05</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Robert K. Sahr
ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner