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RE: RCC Minnesota, Inc. and Wireless Alliance, L.L.C., d/b/a Unicel for Designation  
as an ETC - Docket TC 03-193 GPGN File No. 7401.040099

Dear Ms. Bonrud:

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission counsel, Ms. Ailts Wiest, asked for a clarification during oral arguments, held on April 12, 2005, in the above-entitled matter. After receipt of the transcript of the oral argument and review of the record, this letter is to serve as a formal response to those questions.

On page 14 of the record, Ms. Ailts Wiest asked for a clarification regarding Petitioner's Exhibit 4, page C. Beginning on line 16 of that page, Ms. Ailts Wiest asked "Would it be correct that the Alliance Communications Cooperative, those would be taken off. RCC Communications, Roberts County, Stockholm-Strandburg stays on, and Union Telephone and Valley Telephone are added because those would be the ones that you want immediate designation for?" After review of the record and briefing, the answer to this question is yes.

On page 16 of the oral argument record, Ms. Ailts Wiest then asked inquired regarding ITC's Raymond exchange. The inquiry centered on whether the Raymond wirecenter would be a wire center wherein RCC would seek designation. The questions arises out of the fact that the Raymond wire center is listed in Petitioner's Exhibit 4 and on Petitioner's map entered at the hearing, Petitioner's Exhibit 3. However, the Raymond wirecenter is not listed as a covered wire center under Table 1 at page 22 of Petitioner's initial brief.

In reviewing the submissions by Intervenor, specifically Glenn Brown's Exhibit 4, page 2 of 10, the ITC map, Mr. Brown's testimony lists no Raymond wirecenter but showed on the Intervenor's map the Raymond exchange as part of the Clark wirecenter. When Petitioners used

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the wire centers as listed in Glenn Brown's testimony it caused this confusion and resulted in the Raymond wirecenter to be dropped in the briefing. Petitioners request to be designated in the Raymond wirecenter in addition to the Clark wirecenter. If the Raymond wirecenter has now been incorporated into the Clark wirecenter, Petitioners do not see any harm in a designation including the Raymond wirecenter.

I have provided an original, plus ten, of this letter. In addition, opposing counsels have been copied on this letter. If there are any additional questions out of the oral argument that the Commission needs addressed, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Talbot J. Wieczorek', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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