

Kyle Oldre

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To: Kyle Oldre
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Good morning, Kyle,

Here are some thoughts I would like you to share today.

Thank you for including me in this discussion.

Bill

Good day,

My intention was to be present with you today and speak with you directly. Unfortunately, my plans with work this week had changed, taking me out of town. Listed here are my thoughts on the new Alliance Communications fiber optic network here in Rock County, MN.

Last October, 2016, I was one of the first customers connected to the Alliance Communication fiber optic network in Rock County, MN. Since then, I have had great improvement in Internet connectivity. Previously, Rural Rock County had little to offer in broadband Internet services. Internet services that were available could not deliver the greater through-put and speeds required to operate in today's world of technology.

With the new fiber optic connection provided by Alliance Communications, I am now able to conduct work in the evenings and weekends, which I was unable to do previously. I am the Network Administrator for Pipestone Veterinary / Pipestone System. At my work, I use South Dakota Network for all of my data connectivity, linking six separate locations through out the Midwest. Alliance Communications makes it very easy to connect to my remote systems as they are a member company of SDN. At any moment, I can see my work systems from my home with out any delay or effort.

I have also enjoyed the phone, video and Internet services for personal use. The HD TV stations, ability to stream NETFLIX and music services are of great value. As more and more residents work from home, the Alliance system is a sure fit. for Rock County residents.

As we enjoy the new TV stations From Alliance Communications, there is one other area I would like to focus on. S/W MN (Rock County) has been and currently is in a 100% MN news coverage black out. The rural residents of Rock County have only one choice for local news coverage, that being primarily of Sioux Falls, SD. Residents of Luverne are able to receive many Minneapolis TV Stations. I know for a fact, that there are multiple sources, some delivered via fiber optic, Minnesota local TV stations are near areas in S/W

MN. Jackson, MN being one location. It is fair to say that most Rock County residents know more of South Dakota news, then in what is happening in Minnesota. Specifically, St. Paul. I know there are FCC regulations that govern the ability of delivery of programming. However, with SDN's network presence in MN, there could be alternate, legal methods to receive the MN programming to Rock County residents.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bill Rolfs, Rock County Resident