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The purpose of this application is to assign an operating experimental license from a company that is facing serious fiscal challenges to one that is financially sound and has a large market of rural Alaskan native consumers, many of whom do not currently have access to the Internet at reasonable rates. As shown in the corporate structure attachment sent separately by email to Anthony Serafini, Alaska Telecom, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Calista Corporation, which is owned by Native Americans in Alaska. See [www.calistacorp.com](http://www.calistacorp.com). This assignment will provide the means by which satellite-based Internet services, interconnected at the Sedalia, Colorado teleport, can be offered to large regions of Alaska for the benefit of its rural, unserved and underserved residents. Both Congress's efforts and the Commission's policies in recent years have endeavored to bring broadband access to rural Alaska. Assignment of this experimental license to Alaska Telecom, Inc. represents a component towards fulfilling these goals and policies. The public interest will be served by expeditious grant of this application.

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