## REQUEST TO OBSERVE A FIRST ALTERNATIVE BALLOT COUNT

**Applicant Instructions**: The "request to observe" form must be submitted to a member of the Board Recruitment and Elections Committee through customer service. To ensure a spot, please return this form one week prior to the last day to vote in the election or for the referendum for full consideration. Dates are listed on the ballot and in the Election Guide published in The *FA Scoop*. If the request is approved, you will be notified of the time and place of the count. If you are unable to attend the vote count after submitting this form, please contact the BREC Chair at <a href="mailto:brec@firstalt.coop">brec@firstalt.coop</a> so that others may attend in your place.

Customer Service Instructions: When this form is received, please email the BREC Chair at <a href="mailto:brec@firstalt.coop">brec@firstalt.coop</a> that you have placed the form in the BREC Chair Board mailbox.

| I would like to observe:   |
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| ☐ The Board Election Count in 20   |
| ☐ The Referendum Count – subject(s)  |
| Name:  |
| Owner Share Number:  |
| Phone:   |
| Email:   |
| <b>Protocols for the Election Count Observers</b>  |
| First Alternative Cooperative Owners are welcome to observe the entire process of validating ballots and counting votes in any election or for a referendum. Please adhere to the following protocols.  • Observers watch without talking – comments during the process are prohibited |
| • The Election Committee does the work of validating ballots and counting the votes – observers may not offer to help, make suggestions, or interfere with the validating and counting of the ballots  |
| <ul> <li>Questions and/or suggestions are welcome, but should be offered after a BREC representative<br/>declares the process complete, so as not to create delays.</li> </ul>   |
| I agree to abide by the protocols.   |
| Signature: Date:   |
| Note: A maximum of 3 observers will be approved for each count   |

This form must be turned into Customer Service to be processed and routed to the South store.

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