BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of) Docket tariff filing to eliminate public) and semi-public telephone service) Filed: by ALLTEL Florida, Inc.) (T-97-0040 filed 1/15/97)

Docket No. 970317-TL

Filed: March 21, 1997

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

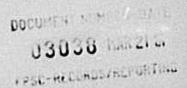
Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc. ("FPTA") respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") grant it leave to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support thereof, FPTA states as follows:

- 1. The complete name and address of the petitioner is:

 Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.
 Lance C. Norris, President
 125 South Gadsden Street
 Suite 200
 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
- All notices, pleadings, orders, and other documents should be directed to:

Angela B. Green
Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.
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3. FPTA is a domestic, not-for-profit corporation organized pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The membership of the FPTA includes payphone service providers ("PSPs") certificated by the Commission.



4. FPTA is entitled to intervene in this docket because its members, as PSPs, have a substantial interest in how pay telephone service is offered by local exchange companies in Florida. FPTA's members' interests will be directly and substantially affected by any action taken by the Commission in the above-captioned docket.

WHEREFORE, FPTA requests that it be granted intervention in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of March, 1997.

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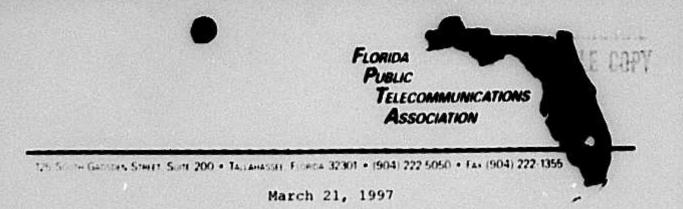
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene was furnished by U.S. Mail this 21st day of March, 1997, to the following parties of record:

Monica Barone, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission Division of Legal Services 2540 Shumard oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Ms. Harriet Eudy ALLTEL Florida, Inc. P.O. Box 550 Live Oak, FL 32060-3343

ANGELA B. GREEN



Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970317-TL

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Florida Public Telecommunications Association, Inc.'s Petition for Leave to Intervene.

An extra copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

ACK ____ Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

OR

Angela B. Green General Counsel

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

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