

## 2001 ALEC Data Request

Florida Statute 364.02(2) defines basic local service as:

**“Basic Local Telecommunications Service”** means voice-grade, flat-rate residential and flat-rate single line business local exchange services which provide dial tone, local usage necessary to place unlimited calls within a local exchange area, dual tone multi-frequency dialing, and access to the following: emergency services, such as “911,” all locally available interexchange companies, directory assistance, operator services, relay services, and an alphabetical directory listing. For a local exchange company, such terms shall include any extended area service routes, and extended calling service in existence or ordered by the commission on or before July 1, 1995.

1. a. **Are you providing service to residential customers in Florida that complies with the above definition of basic local service?**  
*No*
- b. **To how many residential customers are you providing basic local service in Florida?**  
*None*
- c. **What are your current rates for providing residential basic local service?**  
*Not applicable*
- d. **Are you providing service to business customers in Florida that complies with the above definition of basic local service?**  
*No*
- e. **To how many business customers are you providing basic local service in Florida?**  
*None*
- f. **What are your current rates for providing business basic local service in Florida?**  
*Not applicable*

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2. **Are you currently providing other forms of local service (business or residential) in Florida that may not meet Florida’s statutory definition of basic local service? (Examples could include: multi-line business users; services with toll or usage restrictions; mandatory 900 blocking; limited amount of local calling included in the monthly charge; bundled service offerings, etc.)**  
(If yes, continue with question #2; if no, skip to Question #3)

*No*

- a. Are you currently providing other forms of local service to residential customers in Florida?
- b. If the response to a. is affirmative, please describe each of the forms of local service you are providing to residential customers in Florida. (If available, please provide marketing brochures or comparable materials.)
- c. If the response to a. is affirmative, please indicate your current rates for each of the services indicated in response to b.
- d. Are you currently providing other forms of local service to business customers in Florida?
- e. If the response to d. is affirmative, please describe each of the forms of local service you are providing to business customers in Florida. (If available, please provide marketing brochures or comparable materials.)
- f. If the response to d. is affirmative, please indicate your current standard rates for each of the services indicated in the response to e.

3. **Please describe the method(s) you are using to provide telephone services (e.g., resale, interconnection, unbundled network elements, facility-based, etc.)**

*Rhythms Links, Inc. does not provide telephone services*

- a. **Please indicate, by exchange, the number of LEC access lines you are reselling to residential customers.**

*Not applicable*

- b. **Please indicate, by exchange, the number of LEC access lines you are reselling to business customers.**

*Not applicable*

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- c. Please indicate, by exchange, the types of unbundled network elements, if any, you are obtaining from the incumbent LEC.**

*Not applicable*

- d. Please indicate, by exchange the number of unbundled local loops, if any, you are obtaining from the incumbent LEC.**

*Not applicable*

- e. Please indicate the types of facilities deployed by your company in Florida to provide local telephone services, and indicate where these facilities are deployed.**

*Not applicable*

- f. If known, please indicate the number of access lines, separately for residential and business customers, provisioned solely over company-owned facilities.**

*Not applicable*

- g. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of business access lines you serve that are provided to Internet Service providers.**

*Not applicable*

- h. Please indicate, by exchange, the number of business access lines you serve that are provided to voicemail service providers.**

*Not applicable*

- 4. Please indicate the number and location of switches you have located in Florida, if any, used to provide services to customers in Florida.**

*None*

- 5. For each exchange where you are providing any form of residential local telephone service, please identify by exchange (a list of exchanges is attached), the number of residential access lines served as of June 30, 2000.**

*Not applicable*

- 6. For each exchange where you are providing any form of business local telephone services, please identify by exchange, the number of business access lines served as of June 30, 2000. (See example below)**

*Not applicable*

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**7. For billing and accounting purposes, do you differentiate between residential and business customers?**

*No*

**a. Are you currently offering any enhanced services? If yes, what are they?**

*No*

**b. Have you experienced any significant barriers in entering Florida's local exchange markets? Please list and describe any obstacles or barriers encountered.**

*None*

**c. Have you experienced any difficulties involving any agreements you may have with incumbent LECs? If so, please describe any significant problems encountered.**

*Not applicable*

**d. Do you anticipate that your long-term manner of providing service will differ from your current practice? If so, do you expect becoming a full scale facilities-based provider?**

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**e. Have you been assigned your own NXX codes? If yes, how many codes have you been assigned and for each code, as of January 31, 2000, how many numbers have you been assigned from the code?**

*Not applicable*

**8. Please list your primary line of business (for example, entertainment, cable television, private line/special access service, interexchange service, local service, cellular service, paging service, electric service, municipality, etc.)**

*Rhythms Links, Inc. provides Digital Subscriber Line (xDSL) services.*

**9. At any time during the last 12 months, have you provided local telephone services in Florida and then withdrawn a service? If yes, please discuss the reasons for this decision.**

*Not applicable*

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10. If you or an affiliate provides cable television in Florida, do you offer any package plans combining cable television and local telephone services? If so, please indicate where such packages are being offered.

*Not applicable*

11. If you or an affiliate provides long distance telephone service in Florida, do you offer any package plans combining long distance and local telephone services? If so, please describe any such plans and their terms and conditions. Is subscribing to both local telephone and long distance a condition of providing service?

*Not applicable*

12. Please provide any additional comments or information you believe will assist staff in evaluating and reporting on the development of local exchange competition in Florida. In particular, we are seeking comment on obstacles that you believe may be impeding the growth of local competition in the state and any suggestions you may have on how to remove such obstacles.

*None*

13. If your company filed a Form 477 with the Federal Communications Commission in March 2001, please enclose a copy of the completed Form 477 with your response to this data request.

*Although Rhythms Links, Inc. filed an FCC Form 477 in March 2001 for the year ended December 31, 2000, Florida was not one of the states included in the report. As such, a copy of the report has not been included with this data request.*

14. Does your company offer xDSL exclusively?

*Yes*

15. If the answer to question 15 is "yes", how many xDSL lines in aggregate does your company provide?

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16. If the answer to question 15 is "yes", in what exchanges in Florida are your services available?

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17. If the answer to question 15 is “yes”, how are your company’s various service offerings priced?

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