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January 22, 2004

Ms. Lynn Hughes
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Alltel Communications Services, Inc.
Mailstop: B4F4NB
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Re: Request for Interconnection Agreement between Sprint Communications Company L.P. and Alltel Florida, Inc.

Dear Ms. Hughes:

Sprint Communications Company L.P. ("Sprint Communications") chooses to initiate the timelines for negotiations and arbitration as provided for under the Telecommunications Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Act") with Alltel Florida, Inc. Therefore, please consider this letter to be Sprint Communications' request to begin formal negotiations for an Interconnection Agreement with Alltel Florida, Inc. pursuant to Section 251(c).

Previous negotiations did not result in a mutually acceptable agreement between Alltel Florida, Inc. and Sprint Communications, and consequently, were terminated. Therefore, Sprint Communications is initiating a new request for interconnection and, under the provisions of 252(i), Sprint Communications Company L.P. requests Alltel Florida to provide an Interconnection Agreement with the same terms and conditions as those provided in the agreement between Level 3 Communications LLC and Alltel Florida, Inc. filed June 13, 2002 Docket No. 020517-TP and approved September 18, 2002, document number 09922.

Please provide written acknowledgement of receipt of this request. The objective of Sprint Communications Company L. P. is to complete, execute and file an agreement with the Florida Public Service Commission with expedience and avoid arbitration. If arbitration is necessary, however, Sprint Communications will, consistent with Section 252 of the Act, file for arbitration between the 135th and 160th day after the receipt of this request.

As a notice to the Florida Public Service Commission that negotiations have been requested, a copy of this request has been sent to Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director, Commission and Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 and Jeff Bates also at the Florida Public Service Commission.

Sincerely,

Douglas M. Ruckett
Wholesale and Interconnection Services
cc: Craig Smith, Sprint Legal Department
Nancy Schnitzer, State External Affairs

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