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Re: Docket No. 010977-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the signed Affidavit of Michael D. Rhoda on behalf of Alltel Florida, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Betty Willis
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cc: James White (Alltel)
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AFFIDAVIT

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority appeared Michael D. Rhoda who deposed and said:

1. My name is Michael D. Rhoda. I am employed by Alltel Florida, Inc., ("Alltel" or the "Company") as its Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs. I am an officer of the Company and am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314.

2. Alltel hereby certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives during 2007 for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

3. Alltel hereby certifies that it has submitted via annual NECA filings, expenditures in support of our universal service filing and refer to this in lieu of formal network plans. USF disbursement received by the Company and other rural incumbent local exchange companies is divided into four categories: Interstate Common Line Support ("ICLS"), Local Switching Support ("LSS"); High Cost Loop Support ("HCLS"); and Safety Net Additive Support ("SNAS"). The FCC in conjunction with the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service has created each of these mechanisms, except ICLS. This means that representatives from State Commissions have also been involved in the development of these mechanisms through their representation in the Joint Board process.

ICLS is a universal service mechanism which is based upon each companies embedded, interstate loop costs and allows rate-of-return companies to offset interstate common line access charges and recover its interstate common line revenue requirement and still allow SLCs to remain affordable to customers. ICLS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred. The ICLS calculation uses the interstate cost structure of a rural incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") based upon annual interstate cost studies that are submitted and certified by the companies and received by NECA. The difference between the interstate common line revenue requirement, again as set forth in the company's annual interstate cost study and the SLC revenue collected from end users, makes up the ICLS.

LSS rules established by the FCC use the embedded costs of the rural ILECs associated with switching investments, depreciation, maintenance, expenses, taxes and an FCC established rate of return. Therefore, LSS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred.. This amount is used to offset the rural ILECs' interstate switching revenue requirement. The difference between the interstate switching revenue requirement, again as set forth in the company's annual interstate cost study and LSS, makes up the switching rate which is charged to interexchange carriers.

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The HCLS for rural ILECs is based upon each company's embedded, unseparated loop costs. These costs are calculated using a set of complex algorithms approved by the FCC, the inputs for which are scrutinized by NECA. Therefore, HCLS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred.

Pursuant to the FCC Order, SNAS is support above the HCL cap for carriers that make significant investment in rural infrastructure in years in which HCL is capped. To receive SNAS, a rural carrier must show that growth in telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) per line is at least 14 percent greater than the study area's TPIS in the prior year. Therefore, SNAS is reimbursing ILECs for investments and expenses already incurred. Carriers seeking to qualify for safety net additive support must provide written notice to USAC that a study area meets the 14 percent TPIS trigger.

All of these programs are administered through USAC, a private, not-for-profit corporation. USAC assist NECA in data collection necessary for the remittance of universal service funds. What this means is that each company submits, no less frequently than annually, detailed information requested by NECA in the USF data collection process necessary for the remittance of universal service funds.

Rural ILECs must attest to the information submitted. Further, NECA and its auditors must attest to the validity and integrity of NECA's process. In other words, the ILEC cost studies and responses to data collection requests are subject to audit. The information provided in response to all of the universal service fund mechanisms utilizes FCC accounts for regulated costs and must be in compliance with FCC rules in Parts 32, 36, 54 and 64.

All cost studies submitted by rural ILECs and all USF funding submitted by rural ILECs must be based upon financial statements. In addition, NECA performs focus reviews of cost studies as well as the USF filings for the cost companies involved in the NECA process. In addition, an officer of the rural ILEC must certify the accuracy and validity of the filed information.

HCLS data used in the HCLS calculations by NECA must also be filed with the FCC in October of each year. This data contains the regulated financial inputs into the algorithm as well as the number of loops that will receive universal service support.

Alltel is eligible for and receives ICLS.

4. Alltel hereby certifies that it follows appropriate procedures for network outage reporting as per the Federal Outage Reporting Order and State Outage Reporting Requirements. For the period between March 1, 2005 and March 1, 2006, Alltel did not have any Federal FCC reportable outages. Alltel had two State PSC reportable outages.

5. Alltel hereby certifies that it did fulfill all requests for service from potential customers.

6. Alltel hereby certifies that for the period from March 1, 2005 and March 1, 2006 four FCC complaints were received and twenty-seven state PSC complaints were received.

7. Alltel hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations, offers a tariffed local usage plan and provides equal access to long distance carriers.

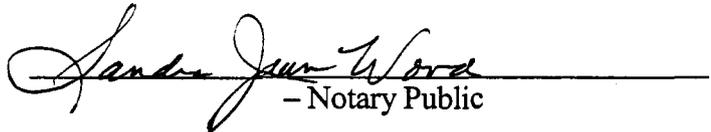
FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



Michael D. Rhoda
Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs

STATE OF ARKANSAS
COUNTY OF PULASKI

Acknowledged before me this 29 th day of March, 2006, by Michael D. Rhoda, as Senior Vice President, Governmental Affairs of Alltel Florida, Inc. who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.



- Notary Public



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