

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located partially in Alltel's licensed area and for redefinition of those study areas.

DOCKET NO. 060581-TP
ORDER NO. PSC-07-0020-PCO-TP
ISSUED: January 8, 2007

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION

BY THE COMMISSION:

By Petition filed on October 11, 2006, Embarq Florida, Inc. (Embarq) requested permission to intervene in this proceeding. Embarq is an incumbent local exchange telecommunications company (ILEC) authorized by the Commission to provide local exchange service in the State of Florida. In the instant docket, Alltel Communications, Inc. (Alltel) has requested designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to partially serve certain areas of the state where Embarq operates as a rural ILEC under Federal Communications Commission rules, and to redefine Embarq's rural study areas. In support of its Petition, Embarq asserts that any decision made by this Commission in the context of this proceeding will necessarily affect Embarq's substantial interests and its business operations in the State of Florida.

Having reviewed the Petition, it appears that Embarq's substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding, because it provides incumbent local exchange service in areas of Florida where Alltel has requested designation as an ETC. Therefore, Embarq's request for permission to intervene in this proceeding shall be granted. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code, Embarq takes the case as it finds it.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Petition to Intervene filed by Embarq Florida, Inc. is hereby granted. It is further

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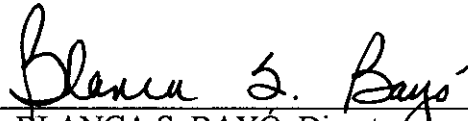
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ORDERED that all parties to this proceeding shall furnish copies of all testimony, exhibits, pleadings and other documents which may hereinafter be filed in this proceeding, to:

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 8th day of January, 2007.



BLANCA S. BAYO, Director
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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.