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FROM: Roberta S. Bass, Assistant to Chairman Edgar *Rob*
RE: Correspondence Received in Docket Nos. 060581-TP and 060582-TP

Please place the attached correspondence from Senator Alfred "Al" Lawson, Jr., Senator Victor D. Crist, Senator Mike Fasano, Representative Dave Murzin, and Representative Donald D. Brown in the above referenced dockets. If you have any questions about this request, please call me.

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April 17, 2007

Chief Advisors and Staff
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Re: Docket No. 060582-TP - Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand that Alltel Communications, Inc. has applied to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Florida. I am encouraged by Alltel's interest in becoming an ETC in Florida, because it appears that approval of Alltel's application will provide significant benefits for Florida's rural and low income consumers. As such, I hope these profound benefits to our citizens will be given great weight during consideration of this issue and result in expeditious approval of Alltel's application.

While efforts have been made to increase the number of Lifeline and LinkUp participants in Florida, the entry of Alltel into this arena creates a new opportunity to try fresh new marketing ideas, as well as the availability of a new product -- wireless service, in an effort to increase the number of consumers that take advantage of these worthwhile programs. As with any rational opportunity for improvement in this area, the benefits provided to Florida citizens by designation of Alltel should be given careful consideration.

The issue now before the Commission is one of great importance to many of our citizens, and one that I am sure will bear much thoughtful consideration. I respect the Commission's deliberative process, and hope that, upon careful consideration, the Commission will open the door for this opportunity to the benefit of the citizens of this State. Florida's citizens deserve to reap the benefits of these programs, as have citizens of other states.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald D. Brown".

Donald D. Brown
Representative, District 5
Florida House of Representatives

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SENATOR ALFRED "AL" LAWSON, JR.
6th District

April 17, 2007

Chief Advisors and Staff
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 060582-TP - Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

To Whom It May Concern:

As you well know, Alltel Communications, Inc. has applied to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Florida. There is every indication that approval of Alltel's application will provide significant benefits for Florida's rural and low income consumers. As such, I sincerely hope these profound benefits to our citizens will be given great weight during consideration of this issue and result in expeditious approval of Alltel's applications.

It is certainly no secret that the number of eligible consumers in Florida signed up for Lifeline and Linkup service is low. I understand that the Commission has recently taken significant steps to implement new approaches to try to increase that number, which I applaud. Unfortunately, though, the number of eligible consumers signing up for Lifeline and Linkup has actually declined in recent years. As such, it is very important that every new opportunity for improvement in this area be given careful consideration. All eligible citizens should have an appropriate method, such as automatic enrollment, for taking advantage of these beneficial programs, as well as a worthy provider than can meet a variety of service needs for eligible citizens. The entry of Alltel into this arena creates just such an opportunity to try fresh new marketing ideas, as well as the availability of a new product -- wireless service, in an effort to increase the number of consumers that take advantage of these worthwhile programs.

I am confident that the great importance of this issue to many of our most needy citizens has not gone unrecognized. As such, I am sure Alltel's application will bear much thoughtful consideration. It is my hope that, upon such consideration, the Commission will open the door for this opportunity to the benefit of the citizens of this State, as other states have done.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Al", written in black ink.

Alfred "Al" Lawson, Jr.
Senator, District 6

REPLY TO:

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KEN PRUITT
President of the Senate

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President Pro Tempore

SENATOR VICTOR D. CRIST

April 30, 2007

Chief Advisors and Staff
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 060581 - TP - 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. 060582-TP - Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

To Whom It May Concern:

As you well know, the Commission is currently scheduled to consider the merits of Alltel Communications, Inc.'s request to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Florida. There is every indication that approval of Alltel's application will provide significant benefits for Florida's rural and low-income consumers. As such, I sincerely hope these profound benefits to our citizens will be given great weight during consideration of this issue and result in expeditious approval of Alltel's applications.

It is certainly no secret that the number of eligible consumers in Florida signed up for Lifeline and Linkup service is intolerably low. While the Commission has recently taken important steps to implement new approaches to try to increase that number, the fact of the matter is that, in recent years, the number of eligible consumers signing up for Lifeline and Linkup has actually declined. As such, it is important that we seize every new opportunity to ensure that eligible citizens have not only an appropriate method, such as automatic enrollment, for taking advantage of these beneficial programs, but also a worthy provider that can meet a variety of service needs for eligible citizens. The entry of Alltel into this arena creates just such an opportunity to try fresh new marketing ideas, as well as the availability of a new product -- wireless service. in an effort to increase the number of consumers that take advantage of these worthwhile programs.

The issue now before the Commission is a matter of great importance to many of our most needy citizens, and one that I am sure will bear much thoughtful consideration. It is my hope that, upon such consideration, the Commission will open the door for this opportunity to the benefit of the citizens of this State. Florida's citizens deserve to reap the benefits of these programs, as have citizens of other states.

Sincerely,



Senator Victor D. Crist

cc: Parties of Record



THE FLORIDA SENATE

Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100

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Majority Whip
11th District

April 10, 2007

Chief Advisors and Staff
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 060581 - TP - 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. 060582-TP - Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

To Whom It May Concern:

As you well know, the Commission is currently scheduled to consider, at its April 24 Agenda Conference, the merits of Alltel Communications, Inc.'s request to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Florida. There is every indication that approval of Alltel's application will provide significant benefits for Florida's rural and low income consumers. As such, I sincerely hope these profound benefits to our citizens will be given great weight during consideration of this issue and result in expeditious approval of Alltel's applications.

It is certainly no secret that the number of eligible consumers in Florida signed up for Lifeline and Linkup service is intolerably low. While the Commission has recently taken important steps to implement new approaches to try to increase that number, the fact of the matter is that, in recent years, the number of eligible consumers signing up for Lifeline and Linkup has actually declined. As such, it is important that we seize every new opportunity to ensure that eligible citizens have not only an appropriate method, such as automatic enrollment, for taking advantage of these beneficial programs, but also a worthy provider than can meet a variety of service needs for eligible citizens. The entry of Alltel into this arena creates just such an opportunity to try fresh new marketing ideas, as well as the availability of a new product -- wireless service, in an effort to increase the number of consumers that take advantage of these worthwhile programs.

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KEN PRUITT
President of the Senate

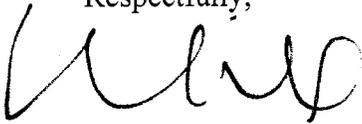
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President Pro Tempore

April 10, 2007

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The issue now before the Commission is a matter of great importance to many of our most needy citizens, and one that I am sure will bear much thoughtful consideration. It is my hope that, upon such consideration, the Commission will open the door for this opportunity to the benefit of the citizens of this State. Florida's citizens deserve to reap the benefits of these programs, as have citizens of other states.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Fasano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "F".

Mike Fasano
Florida State Senator, District 11

cc: Parties of Record



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Dave Murzin

District 2

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April 17, 2007

Chief Advisors and Staff
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Docket No. 060582-TP - Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

To Whom It May Concern:

It has recently come to my attention that Alltel Communications, Inc. has applied to be designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier in Florida. From what I have seen, it appears that approval of Alltel's application will provide significant benefits for Florida's rural and low income consumers. As such, I sincerely hope these profound benefits to our citizens will be given great weight during consideration of this issue and result in expeditious approval of Alltel's application.

While the Commission has recently taken important steps to implement new approaches to increase the number of Lifeline participants in Florida, we should, nevertheless, seize upon each rational opportunity to increase the number of eligible citizens that take advantage of the Lifeline and LinkUp programs. The entry of Alltel into this arena creates just such an opportunity to try fresh new marketing ideas, as well as the availability of a new product -- wireless service, in an effort to increase the number of consumers that take advantage of these worthwhile programs.

The issue now before the Commission is one of great importance to many of our citizens, and one that I am sure will bear much thoughtful consideration. I respect the Commission's deliberative process, and hope that, upon careful consideration, the Commission will open the door for this opportunity to the benefit of the citizens of this State. Florida's citizens deserve to reap the benefits of these programs, as have citizens of other states.

Respectfully,

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Dave Murzin
State Representative
House District 2

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