

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by residents of Ft. White requesting extended area service between Ft. White exchange in Columbia County and Gainesville exchange in Alachua County.

DOCKET NO. 971627-TL
ORDER NO. PSC-98-0098-FOF-TL
ISSUED: January 15, 1998

ORDER REQUIRING TRAFFIC STUDY

BY THE COMMISSION:

This Docket was opened in response to a Petition submitted by the residents of Fort White on September 22, 1997. By their Petition, the residents seek extended area service (EAS) between the Fort White/Columbia exchange and the Gainesville/Alachua exchange. ALLTEL Florida, Inc. serves the Fort White exchange which is located in the Jacksonville LATA. BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (BellSouth) serves the Gainesville exchange which is located in the Gainesville LATA. BellSouth has, however, elected price regulation. In accordance with Chapter 364, Florida Statutes, we cannot require BellSouth to implement any EAS requests made after July 1, 1995. In view of the fact that this petition was submitted after July 1, 1995, we cannot order BellSouth to implement EAS on the route at issue in this docket; therefore, BellSouth shall not be required to file traffic data for this route.

ALLTEL, however, remains under rate of return regulation, pursuant to Section 364.052(2), Florida Statutes, and may be required to implement toll relief. Therefore, in order for us to begin our evaluation and consideration of this request, we shall require ALLTEL to prepare and submit a traffic study for review and appraisal. This study should be based upon a minimum thirty (30) day study of representative calling patterns and shall be in such form, detail and content as will permit review by the Commission. The study shall include, as a minimum, the following:

- (a) The number of messages and calculated calling rates, with and without Foreign Exchange (FX) service, expressed in messages per access line per month (M/A/M), over the indicated interexchange route, segregated between business and residence users and combined for both (sample FX data may be submitted with adequate

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information to show sample adequacy and appropriateness). In a summary schedule, the route entries shall be ordered from highest to lowest M/A/M and shall be grouped as shown on the form attached hereto as Schedule I.

(b) A detailed analysis of the distribution of calling usage among subscribers, over the route, segregated between business and residence users and combined, showing for each category, the number of customers making 0 calls, 1 call, etc., through 25 calls and 26 or more calls per month.

(c) Access line classification data showing, by classes of service, the number of access lines in service for each of the exchanges being studied.

(d) The interexchange toll rates, distance between rate centers, the number and duration of calls by time of day and the average revenue per message (ARPM) for the calls studied.

(e) The number of Foreign Exchange (FX) lines in service and the average calling volumes carried on these lines expressed in messages per month.

Where any alternative toll calling plan is already in place, the study shall include, as a minimum, the following:

(a) The date the alternative calling plan was implemented and the tariff referenced.

(b) The number of subscribers currently signed up for the plan, segregated between business and residence users.

(c) A statement indicating whether the alternative calling plan messages are included in the M/A/M listed for the traffic study.

The company shall also submit a map of the area. The map shall be divided by exchanges with color coding to indicate different exchanges. Existing EAS routes shall be shown with arrowheads to indicate one-way or two-way EAS routes. On the same or another map, the proposed EAS route shall also be indicated by arrowheads and the M/A/M and percent of subscribers making two or

more calls per month shall be indicated for each direction of the proposed EAS route.

Finally, the company shall submit an analysis of the data collected and other information they have gathered on the proposed routes. The analysis shall include, as a minimum, the following:

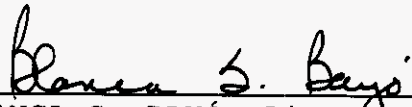
- (a) A summary of the data provided in Schedule I.
- (b) A statement of population densities and demographics which would have an influence on how the traffic data is interpreted.
- (c) A statement of known or strongly suggested reasons for the existence of a community of interest between the relevant exchanges (economic, social, and political factors). Such factors may include, but are not limited to, the location of schools, fire/police departments, medical/emergency facilities, and county and other governmental offices.
- (d) A statement of any changes in surface transportation between the relevant exchanges which may have an influence on the development of a community of interest.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc. is hereby directed to prepare and submit the study referred to in the body of this Order within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 15th
day of January, 1998.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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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.

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 25-22.038(2), Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; 2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or 3) 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 Records and Reporting, 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.

SCHEDULE I

Docket No. 971627-TL
Interexchange Traffic Data

EAS - Fort White Exchange to the Gainesville Exchange

One-Way

From	To	AL&T	Messages	Calling Rate M/A/M*	Total Customers	Customers Making 2 or More Calls/Month Number	Percent
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List	Routes		<u>Part I - Routes over 3.00 M/A/M</u>				
			Ordered large M/A/M to small M/A/M				
			<u>Part II - Routes 2.99 to 2.00 M/A/M</u>				
			Ordered large M/A/M to small M/A/M				
			<u>Part III - Routes 1.99 to 1.00 M/A/M</u>				
			Ordered large M/A/M to small M/A/M				
			<u>Part IV - Routes below .99 M/A/M</u>				
			Ordered large M/A/M to small M/A/M				

* Threshold levels as per Rule 25-4.060(3)(a).

One-Way = Calling Rate of 3.0 messages per access line per month (M/A/M) with 50% of customers making 2 or more calls/month.