

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of merger whereby 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ALLTEL/360 (holder of IXC Certificate No. 4715), a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLTEL Corporation, Inc., will be merged into ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (holder of IXC Certificate No. 4467), also a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLTEL Corporation, Inc.

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ISSUED: January 11, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING MERGER

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, provides that a person may not acquire ownership or control of any telecommunications facility, or any extension thereof for the purpose of providing telecommunications services to the public, including the acquisition, transfer, or assignment of majority organizational

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control or controlling stock ownership, without prior approval from this Commission.

By letter dated October 24, 2000, 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ALLTEL/360 (360 LD) and ALLTEL Communications, Inc. (ACI) filed with this Commission an application for approval of the merger of 360 LD into ACI. 360 LD is the holder of IXC Certificate No. 4715. ACI is the holder of IXC Certificate No. 4467. 360 LD and ACI have stated that the transaction will be virtually transparent to their customers in Florida and it will not affect the services being provided. ACI will continue to operate under its existing certificated name and tariff on file with this Commission. 360 LD has stated that upon completion of the merger, it will file a separate request for the cancellation of its certificate.

In accordance with our authority under Section 364.33, Florida Statutes, to approve the acquisition or transfer of majority organizational control or controlling stock ownership of a telecommunications company providing service in Florida, we have reviewed the Petition of 360 LD and ACI, and find it appropriate to approve it. We have based our review and decision upon an analysis of the public's interest in efficient, reliable telecommunications service.

Based on the foregoing, it is,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ALLTEL/360 and ALLTEL Communications, Inc.'s request for approval of the Merger of 360 Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ALLTEL/360 into ALLTEL Communications, Inc. is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review" attached hereto. It is further

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ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this Docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th Day of January, 2001.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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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 that is available under Section 120.57, 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 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.

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The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on February 1, 2001.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.