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March 17, 1998

Blanca S. Bayo Director, Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Self-Certification of ALLTEL Florida, Inc. as a Rural Telephone Company

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Dear Ms Bayo

Paragraph 310 of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Report and Order released on May 8, 1997, in the Universal Service proceeding set forth the requirement for carriers to notify the FCC and the state commission, that for purposes of federal universal service support determinations, the carrier meets the definition of a "rural carrier". The notification may be in the form of a self-certification and must be made each year prior to the beginning of the payout period for that year. This is to notify the Florida Public Service Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc (ALLTEL) is a Rural Telephone Company under the terms and definition contained in the Telecommunications Act, as amended [47 U.S.C. § 153(47)] and that ALLTEL intends to submit its self-certification with the FCC by April 30, 1998, pursuant to the requirements of the FCC as specified in its Public Notice released August 14, 1997 (DA 97-1748). Specifically, ALLTEL meets the following Rural Telephone Company criteria.

ACK:	•	Provides common carrier service to any local exchange carrier study area that does not
AFA		include either

- any incorporated place of 10,000 inhabitants or more, or any part thereof, based on the most recently available population statistics of the Bureau of the Census, or
- (ii) any territory, incorporated or unincorporated, included in an urbanized area, as defined by the Bureau of the Census as of August 10, 1993

Provides telephone exchange service to any local exchange carrier study area with fewer than 100,000 access lines

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 Has less than 15 percent of its access lines in communities of more than 50,000 on the date of enactment of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Feb. 8, 1996)

ALLTEL Florida, Inc. serves 73,135 access lines as of December 31, 1997, in its Florida study area

I, Deborah L. Nobles, hereby certify that the above representations are known to me to be true and correct as of the date of this filing.

Sincerely,

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Deborah L. Nobles Staff Manager-State Regulatory Matters