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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Dear Ms. Bayo:

In order for the federal universal service administrator to calculate support payments, a carrier must notify the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and its state commission, that for purposes of universal service support determinations, it meets the definition of a "rural carrier"<sup>1</sup>. 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 filing is to notify the Florida Public Service Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL) is a Rural Telephone Company under the terms and conditions contained in the Telecommunications Act, as amended [47 U.S.C. Sec. 153(47)] and that ALLTEL has submitted its self-certification with the FCC as specified in its Tenth Report and Order FCC 99-304 released November 2, 1999. Specifically ALLTEL meets the following Rural Telephone Company criteria:

- provides common carrier service to any local exchange carrier study area that does not include either –
  - (i) 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;
- 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).

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<sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 96-45 (rel. May 8, 1997) para. 310.

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ALLTEL Florida, Inc. serves 90,498 access lines as of December 31, 1999.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bettye Willis".

Bettye Willis

Manager - State Government Affairs