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October 30, 2001

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

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

Dear Director Bayo:

In order for the federal universal service administrator to calculate support payments, a carrier must notify its state commission and the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") that for purposes of universal service support determinations, it is a rural carrier. The notification may be in the form of a self-certification.

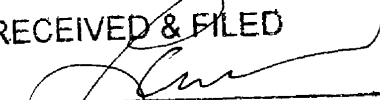
This is to notify the Commission that ALLTEL Florida, Inc. is a "Rural Telephone Company" under the terms and definition contained in the Communications Act, as amended [47 U.S.C. §153(37)], as indicated below. This self-certification of rural telephone company status is in response to the directives set forth in the FCC's May 8, 1997, Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, and the FCC's Tenth Report and Order, FCC 99-304 released November 2, 1999.

Specifically, ALLTEL Florida, Inc. meets the following checked 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;

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- provides telephone exchange service, including exchange access, to fewer than 50,000 access lines;
- provides telephone exchange service to any local exchange carrier study area with fewer than 100,000 access lines; or

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X has less than 15% 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 92,155 access lines as of December 31, 2000 in its study area. As of February 8, 1996, ALLTEL Florida, Inc. had no access lines in communities of more than 50,000.

I, Rohan Ranaraja, hereby certify that the above representations are known to me to be true and correct as of the date of this filing. For questions about this filing, please contact Bettye Willis at (501) 905-5692.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rohan Ranaraja". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a distinct loop at the end.

Rohan Ranaraja
Senior Analyst - State Government Affairs