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VIA HAND DELIVERY

> Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

> > Re: Docket No. 000075-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of the ALLTEL's Notice of Adoption and Joinder in Verizon's Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Vote and Motion for Oral Argument.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, effry Wahlen



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into appropriate methods to compensate carriers for exchange of traffic subject to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 DOCKET NO. 000075-TP FILED: 01/03/03

ALLTEL'S NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND JOINDER IN VERIZON'S MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION VOTE AND MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

ALLTEL Florida, Inc. ("ALLTEL" or the "Company"), hereby adopts and joins Verizon in its Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Vote for Procedural Impropriety and Motion for Oral Argument on its Motion for Reconsideration of Commission Vote for Procedural Impropriety, both dated December 30, 2002. In support thereof, ALLTEL states that ALLTEL was not provided reasonable notice of the possibility of presenting oral argument at the Commission's December 17, 2002, Agenda Conference as required by law. As a consequence, ALLTEL did not attend and was denied the opportunity to participate in the Commission's sua sponte oral argument relating to Issue No. 3 (Definition of Local Calling Area for Compensation Purposes) which was permitted to occur in ALLTEL's absence.

In addition, as noted in Verizon's motions, the Commission at the Agenda Conference considered and voted on Staff's November 22, 2002 Recommendation ("Staff Rec.") on the Petitions for Reconsideration of certain Commission rulings in its September 10, 2002 Final Order (as amended by its September 12, 2002 Order) ("Pending Order") in this proceeding. The Recommendation addressed, among other things, Verizon's and ALLTEL's Petition for Reconsideration of the Commission's Pending Order on Issue 3. That decision adopted the

originating carrier's retail local calling area as the default for determining reciprocal compensation obligations for traffic exchanged between local exchange carriers. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission reconsider this decision because it overlooked two points. First, it is inconsistent with the Commission's other ruling in the same case, in the context of the "virtual NXX" issue, that the jurisdiction of a call (and thus, the intercarrier compensation for it) <u>must be determined by its originating and terminating points</u>. Instead of using originating and terminating points to determine compensation for purposes of Issue 3, however, the Commission's default local calling area ruling uses the originating carrier's retail local calling area. Staff's point, which is clearly correct, is that <u>both standards cannot govern compensation; it must be either the retail local calling area or the call's end points</u>.

The second reason Staff cited to justify reconsideration was that the record is not sufficient to support implementation of the Commission's decision that the originating carrier's local calling area should govern reciprocal compensation obligations. (Staff Rec. at 38.) Because of these legal deficiencies in the Pending Order, the Staff advised the Commission not to establish a default local calling area definition.

Issue No. 3, as currently decided, is not only in conflict with current state and federal laws, tariffs and the Commission's own rulings on other comparable issues, but it also has been rendered under a flawed procedure which denied due process to many adversely affected parties, including ALLTEL. The correct resolution of Issue No. 3 will have enormous social and legal consequences. Matters of such weight obligate the Commission to be fully appraised of the law and of the repercussions of the decision under consideration and of the importance of affording all interested and affected parties a full opportunity to present their

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positions. Therefore, Verizon and the Rural ILECs such as ALLTEL, that have undeniable interests in the outcome of this issue should be afforded their due process rights as requested in these motions.

DATED this 3d day of January, 2003.

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