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Re: Docket No. 060582-TP: Petition of Alltel Communications, Inc. for designation as eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) in certain rural telephone company study areas located entirely in Alltel's licensed area.

Dear Chairman Edgar:

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this letter.

As you know, on August 30, 2006, Alltel Communications, Inc. (Alltel) filed its petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for service in rural telephone company service areas that are located entirely within Alltel's Florida licensed service areas.¹ Alltel filed such petition consistent with Federal and State law and we are optimistic about the Florida Public Service Commission's consideration of the Alltel petition. The Alltel petition was initially considered on the June 19, 2007, Agenda Conference, and the Commission voted to defer consideration of the Staff's recommendation with the understanding and direction that Staff continue its rulemaking process and that the Commission continue to monitor the development and discussion at the federal level.² We are grateful that both things are occurring.

Please be assured that Alltel intends to obtain high-cost support in the rural telephone areas for the purpose of expanding its coverage to include unserved or underserved areas, to increase the service quality and reliability of its network, and to speed the delivery of advanced wireless service to the citizens of Florida. Moreover, as an ETC, Alltel will offer a basic

¹ Frontier Communications of the South, GTC Inc., and Quincy Telephone Company d/b/a TDS Telecom
² June 19, 2007, vote sheet, Document Number 04919.

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universal service package to subscribers who are eligible for Lifeline support. The Commission's favorable consideration of the Alltel petition will allow the company to move forward in this regard.

In light of the foregoing, Alltel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule the matter for a Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, hearing. The hearing will effectively serve to address the Commission's concerns raised at the June 19th Agenda Conference in regard to having an adequate record to make the most informed decision.

As you know Alltel Wireless commits to working with you and your staff at the PSC in the months ahead on rulemaking. We will continue to do so and look forward to the rulemaking workshop to be held on August 20, 2007.

Sincerely,



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