BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by PUTNAM COUNTY)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for)

Extended Area Service between the)

Crescent City, Hawthorne, Orange)

Springs, and Melrose exchanges, and)

the Palatka exchange)

ORDER GRANTING MOTIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

By Order No. 24717, issued June 26, 1991, we directed ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL) and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell), to perform certain traffic studies. We ordered the companies to perform these traffic studies so that we could further evaluate Resolution No. 91-38 filed with this Commission by the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners. Resolution No. 91-38 requested that we consider requiring implementation of extended area service (EAS) between the Crescent City, Hawthorne, Orange Springs, and Melrose exchanges, and the Palatka exchange. The companies were to prepare and submit the studies to us within sixty (60) days of the issuance date of Order No. 24717, making the studies due by August 26, 1991.

On August 9, 1991, Southern Bell filed a Motion for Extension of Time requesting an extension through and including September 24, 1991, in which to prepare and submit the required traffic studies. As grounds for its request, Southern Bell states that the traffic studies necessitated by our order are very comprehensive and will require extensive intercompany coordination. Sixteen routes are involved, twelve of which are either interLATA and/or pocket routes. As a result, Southern Bell does not reasonably contemplate that it will be able to conclude the required studies by August 26, 1991.

On August 14, 1991, ALLTEL also filed a Motion for Extension of Time. ALLTEL asserts the same rationale as Southern Bell, noting that several of the routes will need to have calculations computed manually. ALLTEL requests that it be given an extension until September 24, 1991, in which to submit the required studies.

Upon consideration, I find it appropriate to grant both requests for an extension of time. Southern Bell and ALLTEL shall be granted an extension of time until the close of business on September 24, 1991, in which to prepare and submit the required traffic studies.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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ORDERED by Commissioner Michael McK. Wilson, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed on August 9, 1991, by Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the Motion for Extension of Time filed on August 14, 1991, by ALLTEL Florida, Inc. is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and ALLTEL Florida, Inc. shall file the required traffic study data on or before September 24, 1991.

By ORDER of Commissioner Michael McK. Wilson, as Prehearing Officer, this $\underline{27th}$ day of \underline{AUGUST} , $\underline{1991}$.

MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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