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

> Re: Docket Nos. 870790-TL 910022-TL; and 910528-TL

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of ALLTEL Florida, Inc.'s Prehearing Statement.

We are also submitting the Prehearing Statement on a 3.5" high-density diskette generated on a DOS computer in WordPerfect 5.1 format.

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.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by Gilchrist County) Commissioners for Extended Area) Service Throughout Gilchrist County))	Docket No. 870790-TL
In re: Resolution by Bradford County) Commission Requesting Extended Area) Service Within Bradford County and) Between Bradford County, Union) County and Gainesville)	Docket No. 910022-TL
In re: Request by Putnam County) Board of County Commissioners for)	Docket No. 910528-TL
Extended Service Between the) Crescent City, Hawthorne, Orange) Springs, and Melrose Exchanges,) and the Palatka Exchange)	Filed: May 1, 1998

ALLTEL FLORIDA INC.'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1462-PCO-TL, ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC. ("ALLTEL" or the "Company") files this Prehearing Statement:

A. <u>WITNESS</u>: ALLTEL intends to call the following witness to offer testimony on the issues indicated below:

Witness				<u>Issues Addressed</u>		
Н.	E. E1	udy	(Direct)	All	is	sues.

B. <u>EXHIBITS</u>:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit Title</u>	
H. E. Eudy	HEE-1	Composite Exhibit	

C. <u>BASIC POSITION</u>: One-way ECS is appropriate only if the Company is allowed to price the service at a level that allows it to recover all of the costs associated with providing the service and the result is a meaningful toll alternative.

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D-G. ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

<u>Issue 1</u>: Is one-way ECS appropriate on the routes in question?

<u>Position</u>: One-way ECS is appropriate only if the Company is allowed to price the service at a level that allows it to recover all of the costs associated with providing the service and the result is a meaningful toll alternative.

<u>Issue 2</u>: If one-way ECS is appropriate, what rate, if any, should BellSouth charge to terminate ECS interLATA traffic for all carriers?

Position: No position at this time.

<u>Issue 3</u>: If one-way ECS is ordered on the routes in question, and a termination charge is deemed appropriate, what economic impact will this have on the originating LEC?

<u>Position</u>: If the rate design and levels for the one-way ECS service are set properly, there should be no economic impact on ALLTEL as the originating LEC. However, to avoid an adverse economic impact on the originating LEC, the Commission must set the end-user rate for the one-way ECS service at a level sufficient to cover all of the costs of the service, including the related terminating charges, if any.

<u>Issue 4</u>: If one-way ECS is appropriate, what rate structure and rate levels should the LEC charge the end user?

<u>Position</u>: ALLTEL would propose a rate design that is similar to the rate design used for business customers under the Commission's traditional 10 cent/6 cent plan, except with higher rates as necessary to cover the costs of providing the service.

H. <u>STIPULATIONS</u>: The Company is not aware of any pending stipulations at this time.

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I. <u>**PENDING MOTIONS:**</u> The Company is not aware of any pending motions at this time.

J. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ON PREHEARING PROCEDURE</u>: The Company does not know of any requirement of the Order on Prehearing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

DATED this 1st day of May, 1998.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) this 1st day of May, 1998, to the following:

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