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October 27, 1998

VIA FACSIMILE (501) 905-7027 AND U.S. MAIL

Mr. Jeff Wiley  
ALLTEL Telephone Services Corporation  
Carrier Services  
One Allied Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72203

Re: Request For Interconnection Negotiations Pursuant to  
Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mr. Wiley:

US LEC Corp., a Delaware corporation, on behalf of its subsidiaries, US LEC of Florida Inc., US LEC of Georgia Inc., US LEC of North Carolina Inc., and US LEC of South Carolina Inc. hereby requests that ALLTEL Communications Corp. and its local exchange companies commence interconnection negotiations for the states of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina pursuant to Section 251 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. US LEC has been authorized by the commissions in each of these states to provide competitive local exchange telecommunication services.

US LEC looks forward to concluding an agreement with ALLTEL addressing the areas of interconnection, access to unbundled elements, resale of telecommunications services, and transport and termination of traffic as contemplated by Sections 251(a) through (c) of the Act.

In light of the statutory deadline for negotiating voluntary agreements, US LEC requests that ALLTEL respond to this letter in writing within the next week so that we may schedule a mutually convenient time for an initial meeting. I would appreciate your forwarding to me a copy of any completed interconnection agreements, including any traffic termination agreements, that ALLTEL currently has with any other carriers operating in these states.

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We thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to receiving your response so that we can set about the task of completing negotiations on an interconnection agreement in accordance with the terms of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary D. Grefrath".

Gary D. Grefrath  
Executive Vice President  
Administration

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