

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request by Union County Board)	DOCKET NO. 881547-TL
of County Commissioners for extended)	
area service between Union County and)	ORDER NO. 21533
Gainesville exchange)	ISSUED: 7-12-89

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

By Order No. 20511, issued December 23, 1988, we directed ALLTEL Florida, Inc. (ALLTEL) and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) to perform traffic studies between the Lake Butler and Raiford exchanges, located in Union County, and the Gainesville exchange, located in Alachua County. The Lake Butler and Raiford exchanges are served by ALLTEL, while Southern Bell serves the Gainesville exchange. We ordered the companies to perform these traffic studies so that we could further evaluate the resolution filed with this Commission by the Union County Board of County Commissioners. This resolution requested that we consider requiring implementation of extended area service (EAS) between Union County and the Gainesville exchange. The companies were to prepare and submit the studies to us within sixty (60) days of the issuance date of Order No. 20511.

On February 24, 1989, ALLTEL filed the required traffic studies, along with a request for confidential treatment of certain portions of the data. By Order No. 21158, issued May 3, 1989, we denied ALLTEL's request. On March 13, 1989, Southern Bell filed the required traffic studies, also along with a request for confidential treatment of certain portions of the data. By Order No. 21162, issued May 4, 1989, we denied Southern Bell's request. Both of the Orders denying confidential treatment have been protested and those protests are being handled separately.

After we received the initial traffic study data, our staff determined that further traffic studies were needed in order to properly evaluate the pending EAS request. Specifically, traffic studies were needed for the exchanges physically located between Union County and the Gainesville exchange. Therefore, on May 5, 1989, we issued Order No. 21169, by which we directed ALLTEL to perform traffic studies between the Lake Butler and Raiford exchanges, located in Union County, and the Alachua and Brooker exchanges. The Alachua exchange is located in Alachua County, while the Brooker exchange is located in both Alachua and Bradford Counties.

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ALLTEL was ordered to prepare and submit the studies to us within sixty (60) days of the issuance date of Order No. 21169, making this second set of traffic studies due by July 5, 1989.

On July 5, 1989, ALLTEL filed a Motion for Extension of Time, requesting an extension through and including August 4, 1989, in which to finish preparing and to submit the second set of required traffic studies. As grounds for its request, ALLTEL states there was some confusion engendered by the fact that additional traffic studies were required in this docket, thus putting ALLTEL behind schedule in seeking clarification of what it was required to do and then in complying with our Order. As further support for its request, ALLTEL points to the substantially similar wording used in both Order No. 20511 and Order No. 21169 as part of the reason why ALLTEL was not immediately aware of the need to begin running new traffic studies. ALLTEL states that it has begun work on the studies but cannot meet the July 5, 1989, deadline even though ALLTEL's data processing section in Ohio was asked by ALLTEL staff in Live Oak to expedite the request. Additionally, ALLTEL states in its Motion that it will submit the traffic studies sooner than August 4, 1989, if they are completed before then.

Upon consideration, I find it appropriate to grant ALLTEL's request for an extension of time in which to comply with Order No. 21169. ALLTEL will have until the close of business on August 4, 1989, to file the subject studies.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner John T. Herndon, as Prehearing Officer, that the Motion for Extension of Time filed on July 5, 1989, by ALLTEL Florida, Inc. is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that ALLTEL Florida, Inc. shall file the required traffic study data on or before August 4, 1989.

By ORDER of Commissioner John T. Herndon, and Prehearing Officer, this 12th day of JULY, 1989.

John T. Herndon
 JOHN T. HERNDON, Commissioner
 and Prehearing Officer