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Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Establishment of eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Implementation of changes in the Federal Lifeline Assistance Plan currently provided by telecommunications carriers of last resort.

FPSC Docket No. ~~970714~~⁴-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

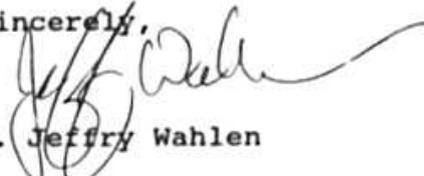
Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of ALLTEL Florida, Inc.'s, Northeast Florida Telephone Company's and Vista-United Telecommunications Company's Request for Waiver of Toll Limitation Requirement and Motion for Extension of Time to File Implementation Plans.

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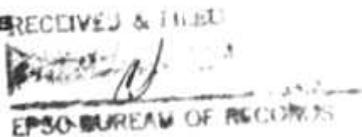
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Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Jeffrey Wahlen

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Establishment of eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to Section 214(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

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DOCKET NO. 970744-TP
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REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF TOLL LIMITATION REQUIREMENT AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1261-FOF-TP, and Rule 25-22.037(2), F.A.C., ALLTEL Florida, Inc. ("ALLTEL"), Northeast Florida Telephone Company ("Northeast") and Vista-United Telecommunications ("Vista") file the following Request for Waiver and Motion for Extension of Time to file toll limitation implementation plans, and say:

1. Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-1262-FOF-TP, issued on October 14, 1997 ("Order"), local exchange companies designated as ETCs that are unable to provide full toll limitation services at this time should file implementation plans and a request for waiver with the Commission by October 23, 1997.

2. ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista are designated in the Order as ETCs. As noted in the Order, toll limitation services can be provided only in certain areas of the state. Moreover, most carriers can provide toll blocking, but not toll control.

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3. For reasons relating to the configuration of their switches, and uncertainty regarding the steps necessary to implement full toll limitation services, including toll control, ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista are unable to provide full toll limitation services at this time. Accordingly, those companies hereby request an initial waiver of twelve months for implementation of full toll limitation services in their respective service territories. In support of this request, the three companies allege that toll control functionality is not generally available from their switch vendors at this time.

4. In addition, ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista request a ten-day extension of time to file implementation plans for full toll limitation services. The requested extension of time will give the companies more time to prepare meaningful implementation plans based on information from switch vendors regarding the expected availability dates for the toll control functionality. In light of the FCC's timetable, this request for extension of time, if granted, will not prejudice any interested persons or the ability of the Florida Public Service Commission to cooperate with the FCC on matters relating to full toll limitation services.

5. All pleadings, notices, orders and other papers filed or served relating to this request should be served on ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista at the following addresses:

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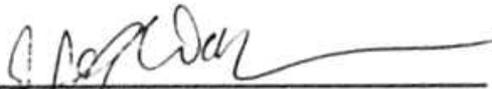
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6. ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista will be substantially affected by the Commission's decision on this request because its decision will determine whether they will get the requested waiver. The ultimate facts alleged that entitle the companies to the relief requested are set forth above.

WHEREFORE, ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista request that the Public Service Commission grant an waiver of the requirement to provide full toll limitation services for an initial period of twelve months and request that the Commission extend the time for filing implementation plans for an additional ten days.

DATED this 23^d day of October, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



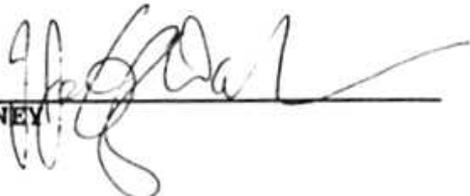
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Request for Waiver and Motion for Extension of Time, filed on behalf of ALLTEL, Northeast and Vista, has been served by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 13th day of October, 1997 to the following:

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