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November 30, 1998

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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 No. 971627-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.

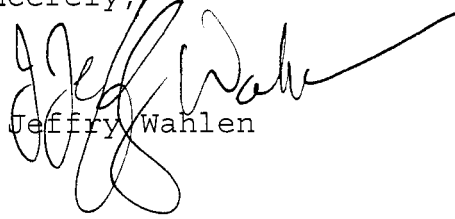
We are also submitting the Prehearing Statement on a 3.5" high-density diskette using Microsoft Word 97 format, Rich Text.

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.

Sincerely,

J. Jeffry Wahlen



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PPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by residents of	)	DOCKET NO. 971627-TL
Ft. White requesting extended	)	Filed: November 30, 1998
area service between Ft. White	)	
exchange in Columbia County and	)	
Gainesville exchange in Alachua	)	
County	)	
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ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC.'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

ALLTEL FLORIDA, INC. ("ALLTEL" or the "Company") files this Prehearing Statement:

**A. WITNESS:** ALLTEL will sponsor the direct testimony of Harriet E. Eudy.

**B. EXHIBITS:** Exhibits HEE-1 through HEE-5 were attached to the direct testimony of Harriet E. Eudy, and will be sponsored by ALLTEL.

**C. BASIC POSITION:**

The issues in this docket should be resolved in a manner that promotes the public interest and protects the interests of ALLTEL and its customers who do not make calls on the route involved in this docket.

**D-G. ISSUES AND POSITIONS:**

**Issue 1:** Is there a sufficient community of interest on the Ft. White/Gainesville route to justify non optional extended area service (EAS) as currently defined in Commission Rules or implementing an alternative toll plan?

Position: There is a high volume of calling on this route; however, ALLTEL cannot tell from the data whether the calling volumes are being generated by a few customers making a huge number of calls or a large number of customers most of whom are regularly calling from Ft. White to Gainesville.

**Issue 2:** If a sufficient community of interest is found to exist, what is the economic impact for the subscribers and the involved companies in implementing an alternative plan on the Ft. White/Gainesville route? (Summarize and discuss in detail the alternative toll plan and its rate structure):

- A) EAS with a 25/25 plan and re-grouping
- B) One-way extended calling service (ECS)
- C) Other (specify)

Position:

- A) Under EAS with a 25/25 plan and regrouping, ALLTEL's subscribers would pay an additive of \$2.49 for Residential and \$6.18 for B-1. The estimated annual loss to ALLTEL would be \$49,372.
- B) Under a one-way ECS plan, ALLTEL's residential subscribers would pay \$.25 per message, and ALLTEL's business subscribers would pay \$.10 for the first minute and \$.06 for each additional minute. The estimated annual loss to ALLTEL would be \$83,970.
- C) No position at this time.

**Issue 3:** What are the appropriate rates, charges, or additives, if any, for EAS or for the alternative toll plan on the Ft. White/Gainesville route? If an additive is required, what should the amount be and how long should it remain in effect?

Position: For EAS, the proposed additives would be \$4.71 for a residential customer and \$11.79 for business customers, and should be permanent. For ECS, the minutes-of-use rate necessary to recover ALLTEL's cost of implementing the plan is \$.16 per minute, and should be permanent.

**Issue 4:** What dialing pattern should be implemented if the Commission determines that toll relief is appropriate?

Position: 10-digit dialing would need to be implemented on this route.

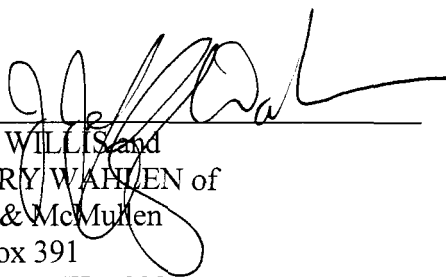
H. **STIPULATIONS:** The Company is not aware of any pending stipulations at this time.

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

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

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (\*) this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1998, to the following:

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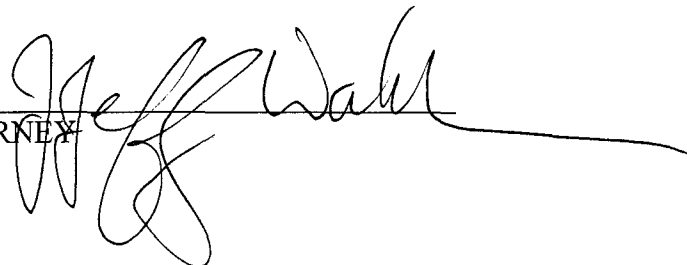
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