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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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. 990649-TP

Dear Ms. Bayo:

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

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,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into pricing of unbundled network

elements

**DOCKET NO. 990649-TP** 

FILED: 6/26/00

**ALLTEL'S PHASE I PREHEARING STATEMENT** 

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL" or the "Company"), pursuant to Order No.

PSC-00-2015-TP, submits the following Phase I Prehearing Statement.

A. **WITNESS:** ALLTEL did not prefile testimony for Phase I of this proceeding,

but reserves the right to participate in the hearing by cross-examination.

В. **EXHIBITS:** ALLTEL did not prefile any exhibits, but reserves the right to use

exhibits submitted by others during cross-examination.

C. **BASIC POSITION:** 

Phase I of this proceeding addresses a small number of discrete issues. Throughout this

proceeding, the Commission should follow the following basic principles: (1) only ILECs with

approved agreements to provide UNEs should be required to deaverage UNEs; (2) for those

ILECs, UNEs should be deaveraged where significant cost differences exist into at least three

zones; (3) where there are no significant cost differences, no geographic deaveraging should be

required; (4) forward looking costs should be used to determine whether significant cost differences

exist and (5) the Commission's final order in this docket should make it clear that rural companies

retain their right under Section 251(f)(2) to seek a modification of the deaveraging requirements

established in this proceeding under the standard in Section 251(f)(2).

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## D-G. <u>ISSUES AND POSITIONS</u>:

Issue 5:

For which signaling networks and call-related databases should rates be

set?

Position:

No position at this time.

Issue 6:

Under what circumstances, if any, is it appropriate to recover non-

recurring costs through recurring rates?

Position:

As a general rule, non-recurring costs should be recovered through non-recurring

rates.

Issue 7:

What are the appropriate assumptions and inputs for the following items to be used in the forward-looking recurring UNE cost studies?

b) depreciation;

c) cost of capital;

d) tax rates.

Position:

No position at this time.

Issue 9(b):

Subject to the standards of the FCC's Third Report and Order, should the Commission require ILECs to unbundle any other elements or combinations of elements? If so, what are they and how should they be

priced?

**Position:** This proceeding does not address the pricing of two network elements the Federal

Communications Commission determined should be unbundled; i.e., "line sharing" and

Operational Support Systems. These two network elements will be addresses in separate

proceedings.

<u>Issue 13</u>: When should the recurring and non-recurring rates and charges take effect?

**Position:** No position at this time.

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

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

J. <u>COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ON PREHEARING PROCEDURE</u>:

ALLTEL does not know of any requirement of the Order on Prehearing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

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