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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Public Service Cellular, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the States of Georgia and Alabama, CC Docket No. 96-45; FCC International Section 214 Assignment Application, Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee, IBFS File No. ITC-ASG-20050111-00009; FCC Form 603, Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee, ULS File No. 0001993328.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL") submits this notification in connection with the Commission's grant of the applications filed by Public Service Cellular, Inc. ("PSC") and ALLTEL to assign all of the assets, Section 214 authorizations and radio licenses held by PSC to ALLTEL¹ and the consummation on February 28, 2005 of the assignments. Pursuant to those assignments, ALLTEL is continuing PSC's commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") operations in Georgia and Alabama, using the assets acquired from PSC.

On January 31, 2005, prior to the grants of these license and authorization assignments, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau granted PSC's pending petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act in Georgia and Alabama ("*PSC ETC Order*").² No party sought review of the *PSC ETC Order* within the 30-day deadline under Section 1.115.

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¹ FCC International Section 214 Assignment Application, *Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee*, IBFS File No. ITC-ASG-20050111-00009 (filed Jan. 11, 2005); FCC Public Notice, *International Authorizations Granted*, DA No. 05-372, at 3 (Feb. 10, 2005); FCC Form 603, *Public Service Cellular, Inc., Assignor, and ALLTEL Communications, Inc., Assignee*, ULS File No. 0001993328 (filed Jan. 6, 2005); FCC Public Notice, *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Assignment of License Authorization Applications, Transfer of Control of License Applications, De Facto Transfer Lease Applications and Spectrum Manager Lease Notifications Action*, Rpt. No. 2062, at 42-44 (Feb. 2, 2005).

² *Public Service Cellular, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the States of Georgia and Alabama*, CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 05-259 (Jan. 31, 2005) ("*PSC ETC Order*").



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of the Commission's rules.³ Because ALLTEL has acquired all of PSC's CMRS operations in Georgia and Alabama, it will continue to provide the mobile service that PSC formerly provided in the rural local exchange carrier service areas and in most of the non-rural service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation. It should be noted that ALLTEL also provides mobile service in other service areas in Alabama and Georgia pursuant to its own ETC designation⁴

It has come to ALLTEL's attention, however, that the network assets acquired from PSC do not provide adequate coverage throughout certain of the non-rural wire centers encompassed within PSC's ETC designation. ALLTEL therefore intends to file shortly a formal pleading looking toward the removal of certain non-rural wire centers from the ETC designation.⁵ With the exception of the non-rural wire centers that ALLTEL specifically seeks to remove, it will continue to provide mobile service throughout the service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation.⁶

ALLTEL confirms that it will meet all of the service and reporting commitments made by PSC in its petition for ETC designation and cited in the *PSC ETC Order* for the rural Georgia and Alabama service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation and in the covered non-rural wire centers in those states in which ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service. Accordingly, all high-cost universal service support that would have been paid pursuant to PSC's ETC designation for the competitive services that are provided in the non-rural wire centers listed in Attachment A hereto and in all of the rural service areas listed in Appendices C and D to the *PSC ETC Order* should be distributed to ALLTEL. By the enclosed letter to Irene Flannery, ALLTEL is requesting the Universal Service

³ 47 C.F.R. § 1.115(d).

⁴ *ALLTEL Communications, Inc. Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the State of Alabama*, 19 FCC Rcd 20496 (WCB 2004).

⁵ ALLTEL will seek to remove the following non-rural Alabama wire centers from PSC's ETC designation: Alexander City (ALCYALMT), Anniston (ANTNALLE), Anniston (ANTNALMT), Anniston (ANTNALOX), Gadsden (GDS DALHS), Gadsden (GDS DALRD), Goodwater (GDWRALMA), Jacksonville (JCVLALMA), Ohatchee (OHTCALMA), Sylacauga (SLYCALMT) and Talladega (TLDGALMA), all of which are in the South Central Bell Telephone study area; Oakland (LGRNGAMA), which is in the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph study area; and Chulafinne (CHLFALXA), Wadley (WDLYALXA) and Woodland (WDL DALXA), which are in the CenturyTel of Alabama study area. ALLTEL also will seek to remove the following non-rural Georgia wire centers from PSC's ETC designation: Atlanta South (GRFNGAMA), Barnesville (BRVIGAMA), Forsyth (FRSYGAMA), Fort Valley (FTVYGAMA) and Roopville (RPVLGAMA), all of which are in the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph study area.

⁶ The non-rural wire centers identified in Appendices A and B to the *PSC ETC Order* that ALLTEL will continue to serve are listed in Attachment A hereto. ALLTEL also will continue to provide mobile service throughout the rural study area identified in Appendix C and all of the rural wire centers listed in Appendix D to the *PSC ETC Order*.



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Administrative Company not to pay ALLTEL any universal service high-cost support for service provided in the wire centers listed in footnote 5 *supra*.

Attached are: (1) ALLTEL's certification, in accordance with Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, that it will use the high-cost support that it receives in connection with the service that it will continue to provide in the rural service areas and portions of the non-rural service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Communications Act; and (2) its anti-drug abuse certification. ALLTEL will file all required high-cost certifications for the mobile service covered by PSC's ETC designation that ALLTEL will continue to provide on or before the due dates of each such certification.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions concerning these matters or ALLTEL's high-cost support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn S. Rabin".

Glenn S. Rabin
Vice President
Federal Communications Counsel

cc: Jeffrey Carlisle
Mark Seifert
Irene Flannery
Alabama Public Service Commission
Georgia Public Service Commission

ATTACHMENT A

NON-RURAL WIRE CENTERS COVERED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE CELLULAR, INC. ETC DESIGNATION THAT ALLTEL WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AND FOR WHICH ALLTEL SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH-COST SUPPORT

Of the non-rural Alabama wire centers listed in Appendix A to the *PSC ETC Order*,¹ ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service to the following wire centers:

South Central Bell Telephone study area:

Auburn (AUBNALMA)
Eufaula (EUFLALMA)
Hurtsboro (HRBOALOM)
Lafayette (LFYTALRS)
Opelika (OPLKALMT)
Phenix City (PHCYALFM)
Phenix City (PHCYALMA)
Tuskegee (TSKGALMA)

CenturyTel of Alabama study area:

Notasulga (NTSLALXA)

Of the non-rural Georgia wire centers listed in Appendix B to the *PSC ETC Order*, ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service to the following wire centers:

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph study area:

Americus (AMRCGAMA)
Atlanta South (PLMTGAMA)
Columbus (CLMBGABV)
Columbus (CLMBGAMT)
Columbus (CLMBGAMW)
Concord (CNCRGAMA)
Cordele (CORDGAMA)
Cusseta (CSSTGAMA)
Franklin (FKLNGAMA)
Gay (GAY GAMA)
Grantville (GTVLGAMA)

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Greenville (GNVLGAMA)
Hamilton (HMTNGAMA)
Hogansville (HGVLGAMA)
Lagrange (LGRNGAMA)
Lumpkin (LMKNGAMA)
Luthersville (LTVLGACS)
Newnan (NWNNGAMA)
Pine Mountain (PNMTGAMA)
Richland (RCLDGAMA)
Senioa (SENOGAMA)
Smithville (SMVLGAMA)
Woodbury (WDBYGAES)
Zebulon (ZBLNGAMA)

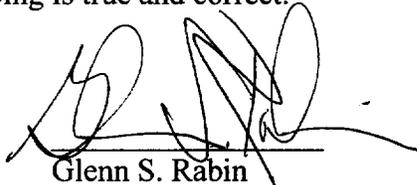
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**DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY REGARDING
HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

I, Glenn S. Rabin do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL").
2. Pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, ALLTEL submits this certification in CC Docket No. 96-45.
3. This certification is submitted in connection with the designation of Public Service Cellular, Inc. ("PSC") as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in Georgia and Alabama under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act and the subsequent assignment to ALLTEL of all of the assets, Section 214 authorizations and radio licenses held by PSC.
4. On behalf of ALLTEL, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support received by ALLTEL pursuant to PSC's ETC designation in connection with the services that it provides in the non-rural wire centers listed in Attachment A hereto and in all of the rural service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.


Glenn S. Rabin

Executed on this 18th day of March, 2005.

ATTACHMENT A

NON-RURAL WIRE CENTERS COVERED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE CELLULAR, INC. ETC DESIGNATION THAT ALLTEL WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE AND FOR WHICH ALLTEL SHOULD RECEIVE HIGH-COST SUPPORT

Of the non-rural Alabama wire centers listed in Appendix A to the *PSC ETC Order*,¹ ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service to the following wire centers:

South Central Bell Telephone study area:

Auburn (AUBNALMA)
Eufaula (EUFLALMA)
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Lafayette (LFYTALRS)
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CenturyTel of Alabama study area:

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Of the non-rural Georgia wire centers listed in Appendix B to the *PSC ETC Order*, ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service to the following wire centers:

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph study area:

Americus (AMRCGAMA)
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Richland (RCLDGAMA)
Senioa (SENOGAMA)
Smithville (SMVLGAMA)
Woodbury (WDBYGAES)
Zebulon (ZBLNGAMA)

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

I, Glenn S. Rabin do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. I am the Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL").
2. To the best of my knowledge, neither ALLTEL nor any of its officers, directors, or persons holding 5 percent or more of the outstanding stock or shares (voting and/or non-voting) as specified in 1.2002(b) of the Commission's rules are subject to a denial of federal benefits, including FCC benefits, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.



Glenn S. Rabin

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Dear Ms. Flannery:

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL") notifies you that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") granted the applications filed by Public Service Cellular, Inc. ("PSC") and ALLTEL to assign all of the assets, Section 214 authorizations and radio licenses held by PSC to ALLTEL¹ and that such assignments were consummated on February 28, 2005. Accordingly, ALLTEL is continuing PSC's commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") operations in Georgia and Alabama, using the assets acquired from PSC. ALLTEL is separately filing Form 498 transferring PSC's "SPIN" codes to ALLTEL.

On January 31, 2005, prior to the grants of these license and authorization assignments, the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau granted PSC's pending petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act in Georgia and Alabama ("*PSC ETC Order*").² No party sought review of the *PSC ETC Order* within the 30-day deadline. Because ALLTEL has acquired all of PSC's CMRS operations in Georgia and Alabama, it will continue to provide the mobile service that

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It has come to ALLTEL's attention, however, that the network assets acquired from PSC do not provide adequate coverage throughout certain of the non-rural wire centers encompassed within PSC's ETC designation. ALLTEL therefore intends to file shortly a formal pleading looking toward the removal of certain non-rural wire centers from the ETC designation.³ With the exception of the non-rural wire centers that ALLTEL specifically seeks to remove, however, it will continue to provide mobile service throughout the service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation.⁴

ALLTEL confirms that it will meet all of the service and reporting commitments made by PSC in its petition for ETC designation and cited in the *PSC ETC Order* for the rural service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation and in the covered non-rural wire centers in which ALLTEL will continue to provide mobile service following the consummation of its acquisition of PSC's CMRS operations on February 28, 2005. Accordingly, all high-cost universal service support that would have been paid pursuant to PSC's ETC designation for the competitive services that are provided in the non-rural wire centers listed in Attachment A hereto and in all of the rural service areas listed in Appendices C and D to the *PSC ETC Order* after February 28 should be distributed to ALLTEL. Because ALLTEL will seek to remove the non-rural wire centers listed in footnote 3 *supra* from the ETC designation shortly, however, ALLTEL requests that the Universal Service Administrative Company withhold high-cost support to ALLTEL with respect to services provided in those wire centers. Thus, no high-cost support should be paid with regard to mobile services provided in those wire centers pursuant to PSC's ETC designation after February 28.

Attached are copies of: (1) ALLTEL's certification, in accordance with Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, that it will use the high-cost support received in connection with the service that it will continue to provide in the rural service areas and in portions of the non-rural service areas covered by PSC's ETC designation for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant

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Please contact the undersigned with any questions concerning these matters or ALLTEL's high-cost support.

Sincerely,

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