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Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
200 Madison Street, Suite 100
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Missouri Public Service Commission

RE: In the Matter of the Application of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. for Approval of its Cellular/PCS Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Under 47 U.S.C. § 252

Dear Mr. Roberts:

TO-2002-355

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the original and eight (8) copies of the Application of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. for Approval of Interconnection Agreement with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. An original and five (5) copies of the executed, seriatim numbered, Interconnection Agreement are enclosed with this filing.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Larry W. Dority

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel
Office of the Public Counsel
Paul Lane
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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI



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Under 47 U.S.C. § 252.	١

Case No. 10-2002-355

# APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

COMES NOW ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ACI" or "Applicant") and hereby applies for approval by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") of the accompanying Cellular/PCS Interconnection Agreement voluntarily entered into by ACI and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT"), pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act ("Act") under 47 U.S.C. § 252.

1. Applicant's legal name is ALLTEL Communications, Inc., and it is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ALLTEL Corporation system. As a telecommunications carrier authorized by the Federal Communications Commission, ACI provides commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") to customers throughout various areas of the state of Missouri. ACI is duly incorporated and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principle place of business located at One Allied Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202.

2. ACI is authorized to do business in the state of Missouri, and a Certificate of Corporate Good Standing – Foreign Corporation from the Missouri Secretary of State, dated January 16, 2002, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission should be sent to:

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- 3. SWBT is a "local exchange telecommunications company" and a "public utility," and is duly authorized to provide "telecommunications service" within the State of Missouri as each of those phrases are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo 2000. SWBT's principal Missouri office is located at One Bell Center, 35<sup>th</sup> Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63101.
- 4. ACI has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three (3) years of the date of the Application. ACI does not have any overdue annual reports or fees owed to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

In support of this Application, ACI states the following:

#### I. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

ACI presents to this Commission for approval, an Agreement that was negotiated and executed pursuant to the terms of the Act. Following good faith negotiations to address all of the complex issues involved in such an agreement, the parties executed the Interconnection Agreement between ACI and SWBT on November 6, 2001, and hereby file the Agreement, together with the appendices incorporated therein. There are no outstanding issues between ACI and SWBT that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration.

#### II. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

ACI seeks the Commission's approval of the Agreement, consistent with the provisions of the Act. ACI believes that the implementation of this Agreement complies fully with Section 252(e) of the Act because the Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity, and does not discriminate against any telecommunications carrier. The Agreement promotes interconnectivity and diversity in providers, and will increase customer choices for telecommunications services.

ACI respectfully requests that the Commission grant expeditious approval of this Agreement, without change, suspension or other delay in its implementation. This is a bilateral agreement, reached as a result of negotiation and compromise between ACI and SWBT. As the Agreement includes seriatim page numbers on the bottom of each page, the Commission need not order an additional page-numbered copy to be filed upon approval.

#### III. STANDARD FOR REVIEW

The statutory standards of review are set forth in Section 252(e) of the Act which provides:

- (e) APPROVAL BY STATE COMMISSION
- (1) APPROVAL REQUIRED. Any interconnection agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration shall be submitted for approval to the State commission. A State commission to which an agreement is submitted shall approve or reject the agreement, with written findings as to any deficiencies.
- (2) GROUNDS FOR REJECTION. The State Commission may only reject
  - (A) an agreement (or any portion thereof) adopted by negotiation under subsection (a) if it finds that
    - (i) the agreement (or portion thereof) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or
    - (ii) the implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity; . . . .

#### IV. MISSOURI LEGISLATION

The negotiated and executed Agreement is consistent with Missouri Senate Bill 507, which became effective on August 28, 1996.

WHEREFORE, ALLTEL Communications, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission enter an Order approving its Interconnection Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this <u>12-4</u> day of January, 2002, to:

Office of the Public Counsel P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City MO 65102 Paul G. Lane Southwestern Bell Telephone Company One Bell Center, Room 3518 St. Louis, MO 63101

Dana Joyce General Counsel Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City MO 65102

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### **VERIFICATION**

State of Arkansas )
County of Pulaski ) ss.
I, Steve Mowery , first being duly sworn upon oath
depose and say that I am an officer of ALLTEL Communications, Inc., a
Delaware corporation; that I am authorized to and do make this verification for
said corporation; and that the facts set forth in the above Application are true and
correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
Stew Mowers
Dated: January 17, 2002
Subscribed and sworn or affirmed before me this 17 <sup>th</sup> day of January
2002.
Sandy Jean Wood Notary Public
My commission expires: September 1, 2011  September 1, 2011  My Comm. Expires  9-1-2011

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## Matt Blunt Secretary of State

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE GOOD STANDING - FOREIGN CORPORATION

I, MATT BLUNT, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, do hereby certify that the records in my office and in my care and custody reveal that

ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

using in Missouri the name ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

a DELAWARE corporation filed its Evidence of Incorporation with this State on the 16th day of JANUARY, 1996, and is in good standing, having fully complied with all requirements of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, on this, the 16th day of JANUARY, 2002.

Secretary of State

