BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of)	
ALLTEL Communication, Inc.	
for approval of its Interconnection and/or)	
Resale Agreement Under Sections 251 and) Case No.	
252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996)	
with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P.	
d/b/a SBC Missouri, pursuant to	
47 U.S.C. § 252.	

APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AND/OR RESALE AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 WITH SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE, L.P. D/B/A SBC MISSOURI

COMES NOW ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ACI") and hereby applies for approval by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") of the accompanying INTERCONNECTION AND/OR RESALE AGREEMENT UNDER SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 (the "Agreement") voluntarily entered into by ACI and Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri ("SBC Missouri"), pursuant to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "Act") under 47 U.S.C. § 252(e).

1. ACI is a Delaware Corporation authorized to do business in Missouri, as evidenced by the Certificate of Good Standing issued by the Missouri Secretary of State which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference. ACI's principle place of business is One Allied Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202. ACI is a competitive local exchange carrier certificated to provide basic local telecommunications services in Missouri. (*See* Case No. TA-99-298).

2. All correspondence, communications, and orders and decisions of the Commission issued in this matter should be sent to:

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3. 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. No Missouri annual reports or assessment fees are overdue.

In support of this Application, ACI states the following:

I. INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT REACHED

ACI presents to this Commission for approval the Agreement that was negotiated and executed between ACI and SBC Missouri 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 signed the Agreement on April 22, 2005, and hereby file the Agreement, together with five appendices incorporated therein, as **Exhibit B**. There are no outstanding issues between ACI and SBC Missouri 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 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 SBC Missouri.

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 the Commission to enter an Order approving its Interconnection and/or Resale Agreement Under Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with Southwestern Bell Telephone, L.P. d/b/a SBC Missouri.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARKANSAS)) SS
COUNTY OF PULASKI)
I, MICHAEL Rhode, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Vice President of Business Development, and that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of ALLTEL Communications, Inc.; and that the facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
Muhael Mirol. [NAME]
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 2005.
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My Commission expires:
Systember 1, 2011
My Comm. Expires SEPT. 1. 2011 OUBLICATION COUNTY C

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 1st day of June, 2005 to:

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