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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e)(2) OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934.

DOCKET NO. T-03887A-03-0316

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 19, 2003, Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel" or "Company") filed an application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") for federal universal service funding throughout Alltel's licensed service area in the State of Arizona ("Application"). The Application seeks ETC designation for Alltel as a wireless provider in rural areas of Arizona served by rural local exchange carriers ("LECs"). Alltel is proposing to redefine rural LEC service areas for ETC purposes to determine the LEC areas in which Alltel is to be designated as an ETC.

Table Top Telephone Company ("Table Top") filed a request to intervene in this matter on June 16, 2003.

By Procedural Order of June 18, 2003, a Procedural Conference was set for June 25, 2003.

A Procedural Conference was held as scheduled. Alltel, Table Top and the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff") entered appearances, and Table Top was granted intervention. Table Top stated that it believed a hearing should be held on Alltel's application.

On July 11, 2003, a Procedural Order was issued that required Alltel to publish notice of its application, and set a date of October 1, 2003 for the filing of a Staff Report. The Procedural Order required that the Staff Report include a recommendation regarding whether the Commission should hold a hearing on the application.

Arizona Telephone Company was granted intervention in this matter on August 7, 2003.

1 On August 14, 2003, Alltel filed an Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Proof of Mailing
2 demonstrating compliance with the notice requirements of the July 11, 2003 Procedural Order.

3 Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association ("ALECA") was granted intervention in this
4 matter on August 21, 2003.

5 On August 22, 2003, Table Top filed its Initial Comments on the Application.

6 Pursuant to a September 10, 2003, stipulation for an extension of time filed by Staff and
7 Alltel, the October 1, 2003 due date for the Staff Report was continued to October 29, 2003.

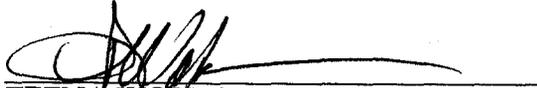
8 On October 14, 2003, ALECA filed comments and a request for hearing.

9 On October, 29, 2003, Staff filed its Staff Report recommending approval of the Application,
10 and stating that Staff is not opposed to holding a hearing in this matter.

11 A Procedural Conference should be convened for the purpose of discussing the hearing date
12 and related procedural deadlines in this matter.

13 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Procedural Conference shall be held on **November 14,**
14 **2003, commencing at 10:00 a.m.** or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the Commission's offices in
15 Phoenix, Arizona, for the purpose of discussing the hearing date and related procedural deadlines in
16 this matter.

17 Dated this 31st day of October, 2003.

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