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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF WWC LICENSE LLC (“WESTERN
WIRELESS CORPORATION”) FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER AND
REDEFINITION OF RURAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY SERVICE AREA.

Docket No. T-04248A-04-0239

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF EXCEPTIONS BY WWC LICENSE

AND

**REQUEST THAT RECOMMENDED OPINION AND ORDER BE
HEARD AT OPEN MEETING**

WWC License LLC (“WWC-Alltel”)¹ hereby withdraws its Exceptions to the
Recommended Opinion and Order (ROO), which were filed in this docket on February 27,
2006. WWC-Alltel further requests that the Commission consider the ROO at its February
13-14, 2007 Open Meeting.

I. INTRODUCTION

On March 26, 2004, WWC-Alltel filed the Application for designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”) for its service area in LaPaz, Mohave and Yuma
Counties in Arizona (“Application”). WWC-Alltel is a Commercial Mobile Radio Services

¹ On August 1, 2005, Western Wireless Corporation merged with Alltel Corporation and is now part of Alltel Corporation. WWC License LLC is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Alltel Corporation.

1 (“CMRS”) provider delivering wireless service to its customers pursuant to its federal
2 licenses. Besides the Arizona Local Exchange Carriers Association (“ALECA”), no other
3 party sought or received intervention in the docket.

4 On August 23, 2005, the Administrative Law Judge in this docket issued the ROO
5 recommending approval of an ETC designation with conditions. The ROO was scheduled to
6 be heard at the Commission’s September 7 and 8, 2005 Open Meeting. The Commission did
7 not consider this matter during its September meeting and did not schedule it for
8 consideration during any subsequent open meetings. On February 27, 2006, WWC-Alltel
9 filed a request for acceptance of late-filed exceptions to the ROO (“Exceptions”). On March
10 15, 2006, ALECA filed a motion for thirty-day extension to file comments to the Exceptions.
11 ALECA has not yet filed any such comments and the Commission has not yet rescheduled
12 this matter for consideration during an Open Meeting.

14 **II. WITHDRAWAL OF EXCEPTIONS**

15 WWC-Alltel hereby withdraws its Exceptions to the ROO filed on February 27, 2006
16 and requests the Commission schedule the ROO for consideration at the February 13, 2007
17 Open Meeting.

18 WWC-Alltel filed the Exceptions to express its concerns with certain of the conditions
19 of approval set forth in the ROO. Subsequent to the filing of the Exceptions, WWC-Alltel
20 discussed the conditions with Commission Staff. The Company now more fully understands
21 the conditions outlined in the ROO and has resolved its concerns. WWC-Alltel commits to
22 abide by the ETC designation as outlined in the ROO.

23 In addition to the meeting with Staff, several other key events have transpired. First,
24 Alltel acquired Western Wireless, and has integrated their network and business operations.
25 Second, the Company has improved certain internal operations that make it better able to

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1 implement and adhere to the reporting requirements established by the FCC Order for ETCs²
2 and in the ROO's conditions of approval. Third, the discussions with Staff lead to a better
3 understanding of what was necessary to comply with the requirements of the ROO and the
4 Company is confident that it can meet the conditions in the ROO.

5 Lastly, WWC-Alltel is pleased with the recent resolution of a previous application by
6 Alltel Communications in Docket No. T-03887A-03-0314³. Likewise, the withdrawal in
7 whole of these Exceptions is a good faith indication to the Commission that the Company
8 strongly desires to work cooperatively with the Commission and Staff as an ETC in full
9 compliance in Arizona. WWC-Alltel commits to delivering the required services of an ETC
10 and will abide by the conditions set forth in the ROO.

11 **III. CONCLUSION**

12 WWC-Alltel is an ETC in 27 other states and understands first hand the commitment
13 and responsibility required of an ETC. It also understands the benefits that customers receive
14 as federal USF support begins to be spent in a state for the continued operation, maintenance
15 and build-out of wireless networks. Rural customers and visitors to rural areas of the state are
16 the largest beneficiaries as federal support is used to enhance telecommunications options in
17 these areas. For these reasons, WWC-Alltel reiterates to the Commission its commitment to
18 being a successful ETC in Arizona and delivering to its customers an exceptional level of
19 service. It desires to resolve this long pending Application and as demonstration of its
20 willingness to work cooperatively with the Commission it hereby withdraws its Exceptions to
21 the ROO.
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24 Corporation. WWC License LLC is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Alltel Corporation.

25 ² On March 17, 2005, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released a Report and Order
addressing the minimum requirements for a telecommunications carrier to be designated as an ETC, and
imposed annual reporting requirements for ETCs

³ The questions in that docket were recently resolved with the December 22, 2006, Procedural Order by the ALJ
wherein it was ordered that Alltel's prior ETC designation was relinquished by letter filed by Alltel on December
15, 2004.

1 WWC-Alltel further respectfully requests that the Commission schedule the ROO for
2 consideration at the February 13, 2007 Open Meeting.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 24th day of January 2007.

4 ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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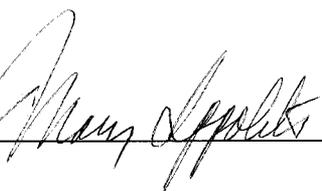
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