

**ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 5, 2006
TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION**

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS

DOCKET U-4790 – CENTURYTEL OF ALABAMA, LLC AND SOUTHERN COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE, INC. D/B/A SOUTHERN LINC – Interconnection Agreement between CenturyTel of Alabama, LLC and SouthernLINC Wireless pursuant to §252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. **Approved**

NAME CHANGE(S)

DOCKET 26429 – ST. JOE COMMUNICATIONS, INC. D/B/A GT COM LONG DISTANCE, INC. – Changes Company name to St. Joe Communications, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Long Distance. **Approved**

DOCKET 27999 – NEW HOPE TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE LONG DISTANCE, INC. – Changes Company name to New Hope Telephone Cooperative Long Distance, Inc. d/b/a ICE Media Group. **Approved**

SUMMARY OF OTHER FILINGS

D-5941 - HAYNEVILLE FIBER TRANSPORT, INC. D/B/A CAMELLIA COMMUNICATIONS – Expands the eligibility threshold for participation in the Lifeline and Link-Up Programs, which include Medicaid, by adding the following: Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income, Section 8 Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Filed October 31, 2006, with a requested effective date of November 1, 2006. **Approved**

D-5951 – CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN ALABAMA – Increases the Insufficient Funds Check Charge from \$20 to \$25. Filed October 31, 2006, with a requested effective date of December 4, 2006. **Approved**

D-5952 – CENTURYTEL OF SOUTHERN ALABAMA - Increases the Insufficient Funds Check Charge from \$20 to \$25. Filed October 31, 2006, with a requested effective date of December 4, 2006. **Approved**

LEGAL DIVISION

DOCKET C-4482 (M) – Rules of Practice of the Alabama Public Service Commission. By Order in this cause dated June 27, 2005, the Commission granted the Secretary of the Commission authority to promulgate Temporary Rules of Practice Regarding Electronic Filing of Documents. Pursuant to said

Order, the Temporary Rules were due to expire on July 1, 2006. By Order dated June 30, 2006, the Temporary Rules were extended for an additional six months and are due to expire on January 1, 2007. The implementation of the new information management/electronic filing system is now complete. Therefore, proceeding to establish final rules and a corresponding six-month extension of the Temporary Rules is in order.

RECOMMEND: Issuance of order directing staff to submit proposed final rules no later than February 1, 2007, and granting an additional six-month extension of the Temporary Rules of Practice Regarding Electronic Filing until June 30, 2007.

DOCKET 30263 (G) – Application of Alltel Communications, Inc. (“Alltel”) for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in the State of Alabama for the purposes of receiving federal high cost Universal Service funding. Alltel asserts that even though it is not otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission by virtue of being a cellular mobile radio service (“CMRS”) provider, the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the “96 Act” at §214(e)(2)) and the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, (§37-2A-7) allow the Commission to designate Alltel as an ETC in Alabama.

RECOMMEND: Denial of Alltel’s application. The Commission entered an Order on March 12, 2002, the Docket U-4400, specifying that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over CMRS providers and, therefore, lacks jurisdiction to designate CMRS providers as eligible telecommunications carriers pursuant to 47 USC §214(e). Contrary to the arguments of Alltel, nothing in the 96 Act, the FCC’s rules and regulations, or the provisions of the Telecommunications Reform Act found at Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, §37-2A-1 et seq. grant the Commission the threshold jurisdiction over CMRS providers that is necessary to act on Alltel’s application. Further, §214(e)(6) of the 96 Act specifies that providers of telecommunications services such as Alltel that are not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission should direct their request for an ETC designation to the FCC.

DOCKET 29878(G) - Implementation of the provisions of §37-2A-4(j), Code of Alabama 1975, as amended (Telecommunications Provider Plans to Prevent the Disclosure of the Physical Locations of Domestic Violence Shelters). Initial and Reply Comments have been received in response to the Commission’s August 17, 2006 Order in this cause.

RECOMMEND: Establishment of a workshop to allow industry representatives and the Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence an opportunity to work out their differences regarding the plans that telecommunications carriers must submit to protect the physical identity of domestic violence shelters.