

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Americatel Corporation, and Startec)
Global Operating Company for Approval)
of a Pro Forma Merger)

Case No. TM-2008-0146

STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Response to the Commission's Order Directing Filing respectfully states as follows:

1. On November 6, 2007, Startec Global Operating Company and Americatel Corporation filed a Joint Application for Approval of a Pro Forma Merger.

2. On November, 13, 2007 the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to inform the Commission no later than November 30, 2007 when it would file its recommendation in this matter.

3. Staff hereby informs the Commission that it will file a recommendation in this matter no later than December 21, 2007.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Response to the Commission's November 13 Order Directing filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of November 2007.

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