

3. Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to issue an Order approving the Application to be come effective as soon as possible, but *no later than May 6, 2007 (effective no later than May 16, 2007)*.

4. Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080 (16) (C), Startec states that this motion for expedited treatment is being filed as soon as it could have been, upon recognition of the need for Missouri PSC approval, and is being filed concurrently with the application for a certificate of service authority and the instant application for approval of the underlying merger of SGOC and SCLC.

5. By granting the certificate requested in this Application, the Commission will be taking steps to (1) ensure that *pro forma* restructuring will be virtually transparent to SGLC's former customers; and (2) allow Startec to remain a strong competitor in the telecommunications market, thus assuring that the benefits of competition generated by SGLC's presence will not be lost to consumers.

6. Failure to approve this Application in an expeditious manner will harm the public interest. Not only could failure to approve the Application result in the inability of customers to continue to receive their "Startec" services, it would also result in the diminution of competition in Missouri.

7. Further, absent Commission approval, Startec and its corporate parent, SGCC, may be unable to timely consummate a transfer of control of SGCC and its subsidiaries, including Startec, to new investors.¹ Startec anticipates that this transaction will allow Startec and its purchaser's affiliated telecommunications carriers to realize significant cost

¹ SGCC and EnergyTRACS Acquisition Corp. ("EnergyTRACS") entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated March 5, 2007 that will result in EnergyTRACS becoming affiliated Startec. A notification concerning the proposed transfer of control is being filed separately.

savings and operational benefits. Such savings may result from network integration, lower international termination costs as a result of larger traffic volumes, synergies from information systems integration, and other sources. These cost savings and benefits will cause Startec to become a stronger competitor in the marketplace and will allow it to continue to provide high quality and low cost telecommunications services to hundreds of Missouri residents. Moreover, the transaction will also put Startec in a better position to expand its service offerings, to the ultimate benefit of its customers. Delay in the regulatory approval process will prevent the parties from realizing these economic and operational benefits or delivering expanded customer services as quickly as the parties otherwise would.

8. Given that, absent Commission approval, Startec will be unable to continue to provide service as a result of the disappearance of SGLC, Applicant requests expedited treatment of this Application.

9. Expeditious consideration and grant of the Application is therefore an important step towards ensuring the on-going viability of Startec and maintaining continuity of service for Startec's customers.

WHEREFORE, for all the reasons stated herein, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant this Motion for Expedited Treatment and issue its order granting the relief requested in the Application *no later than May 6, 2007 (effective no later than May 16, 2007)*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document has been served electronically on the General Counsel's Office and the Office of the Public Counsel this 29th day of March 2007.

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