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RE: Case No. TM-2001-669

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of the **STAFF REPORT**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Claricom Networks, Inc., Claricom)
Holdings, Inc., Staples, Inc., Stacom)
Holdings, LLC, and Platinum Equity, LLC)
for Approval of the Transfer of Stock in)
Claricom Holdings, Inc. to Stacom)
Holdings, Inc.)

Case No. TM-2001-669

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and states:

1. On June 7, 2001, Claricom Networks, Inc. ("Claricom"), Claricom Holdings, Inc., Staples, Inc., Stacom Holdings, LLC, and Platinum Equity, LLC filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission for approval of a stock transfer. The application stated that as part of the transaction, Claricom will be converted from a corporation to a limited liability company.

2. On October 1, 2001, the Staff filed its Response to Order Directing Filing in which the Staff stated:

The Staff also notes that Claricom's application states that the Claricom will be converted to a limited liability company. This conversion will change the name of Claricom from Claricom Networks, Inc. to Claricom Networks, LLC. Under 4 CSR 240-2.060(16), a name change may be accomplished by filing an application with the Commission that includes evidence of registration of the name change with the Secretary of State and a revised tariff.

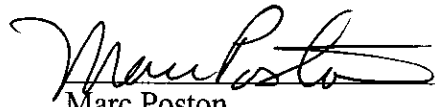
3. The Commission issued its Order Granting Motion to Approve Transfer of Stock on November 15, 2001. In its Order, the Commission directed the Staff to file a report "stating whether Claricom Networks, Inc.'s proposed conversion to a limited liability company triggers any required action by the Commission and, if so, what that action is."

4. The Staff recommends that the Commission direct Claricom to file an application for a change of name under 4 CSR 240-2.060(16). The only other filing requirement that might apply when a corporation regulated by the Commission converts to a limited liability company is Section 392.340 RSMo 2000, which requires Commission authorization over reorganization of telecommunications companies. On September 23, 1997, however, the Commission waived Section 392.340 RSMo 2000 for Claricom (formerly known as Clarity Telecom LD Network Services, Inc.) when the Commission approved its certificate of service authority in Case No.TA-98-47.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission order Claricom to file an application for a change of name.

Respectfully submitted,

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