

**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

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Motion for Extension of Time to File Recommendation 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. On November 30, 2007, Staff filed a pleading indicating it would file its recommendation no later than December 21, 2007.
4. In the course of Staff's review of the Joint Application filed by the parties, additional questions have arisen which will require additional investigation by Staff and communication with the companies before Staff is able to file its recommendation in this matter.
5. Staff states that it will file its recommendation on the Joint Application filed by the companies no later than February 29, 2008.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission extend Staff's deadline to file a recommendation in this case to February 29, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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