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Re: **Docket 07-00213: Response of Matrix Telecom, Inc., Americatel Corporation, and Startec Global Operating Company to Data Request No. 1**

Dear Ms. Dillon:

Matrix Telecom, Inc. ("Matrix"), Americatel Corporation ("Americatel"), and Startec Global Operating Company ("Startec") (collectively, "Petitioners") hereby provide the below information in response to the Staff's Data Request Number 1 in the above-referenced proceeding. Enclosed are an original and four (4) copies of this letter. Please date-stamp and return to me in the enclosed envelope the copy provided for that purpose.

1. Have the Petitioners filed similar petitions or notices in other states? If so, provide a listing of states and action taken.

Petitioners have filed similar petitions seeking approval of both the financing arrangement and *pro forma* reorganization in Hawaii, Nebraska, New York and West Virginia. In addition, Petitioners have filed or intend to file petitions seeking approval for the financing arrangement in Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Startec and Americatel have also filed or intend to file petitions or notices seeking approval for the *pro forma* reorganization in California, Ohio and Rhode Island. All of the proceedings for which the Petitioners have already filed petitions are currently pending.

2. Have the Petitioners sought approval of the *pro forma* reorganization from the FCC?

Prior approval of the *pro forma* reorganization by the FCC is not required pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.24(d), (f). As required by FCC rule, 47 C.F.R. § 63.24(f), the Petitioners will file a notice of the *pro forma* transfer with the FCC no later than 30 days after the transfer is consummated.

3. Have the Petitioners applied for approval for financing from any federal agency?

Approval for the proposed financing arrangement is not required by any federal agency. Accordingly, Petitioners have not applied for any such approval.

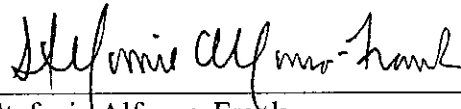
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4. Will Tennessee assets be pledged as collateral for any debt issued regarding the financing transaction?

Petitioners will pledge all of their assets, including their Tennessee assets, and will have their stock pledged, as collateral for the debt issued in the proposed transaction. The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has recently approved such collateralization of assets with regard to Americatel and Matrix's current financing arrangement, which Petitioners seek to amend and restate in the proposed financing transaction. *See* Docket No. 06-00240 (Jan. 4, 2007).

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (202) 637-1020.

Very truly yours,



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