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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Dale Roberts Executive Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, Suite 100 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

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Re: 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. TX-2001-669

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are nine copies of the Applicants' Response to Staff's Motion to Dismiss Application. Please return to me one filed copy in the enclosed envelope.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

R. Le Riche

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Enclosures

cc : Office of Public Counsel (w/encl.) Office of General Counsel (w/encl.) Marc D. Poston, Esq. (w/encl.)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION TO DISMISS APPLICATION

Claricom Networks, Inc., Claricom Holdings, Inc., Staples, Inc., Stacom Holdings, LLC, Platinum Equity, LLC ("Applicants") for its Response to Staff's Motion to Dismiss and Application, state that Applicants have no objection to dismissing the Joint Application for Approval of the Transfer of Stock for lack of jurisdiction.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that on this 124^{4} day of July, 2001, two true and correct copies of the above and foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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