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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-B201
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Application for Consent to Transfer Control of Equant U.S., Inc. to
Atlas Telecommunications S.A. (File No. ITC-T/C-20010312-00160)

Dear Ms. Salas:

Atlas Telecommunications S.A. (“Atlas”) and Equant U.S., Inc. (“Equant U.S.”) (collectively, “Applicants”) hereby request that their application in the above-captioned proceeding be returned to streamlined processing for immediate grant by the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”). The application was placed on *Public Notice* on March 30, 2001 and was eligible to be granted on a streamlined basis as of April 13, 2001.¹ On April 10, 2001, the Applicants voluntarily requested that the Commission hold the application in abeyance until further notice.² The Commission granted this request by *Public Notice* dated April 13, 2001.³ The Applicants now seek to end the abeyance and ask the

¹ See *In Re Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing, Public Notice*, Report No. TEL-00374S, ITC-T/C-20010312-00160 (March 30, 2001).

² See Letter of *William K. Coulter*, Counsel to Atlas Telecommunications S.A., to Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary to the Federal Communications Commission, dated April 10, 2001.

³ See *In Re Streamlined International Applications Accepted for Filing, Public Notice*, Report No. TEL-00381S, ITC-T/C-20010312-00160 (April 13, 2001).

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Commission to issue a *Public Notice* granting the application, so that the underlying transactions can be completed in a timely fashion.

During the abeyance period, the Applicants – together with their respective parent companies, France Télécom S.A. and Equant N.V. – entered into an Agreement with the Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) to address national security, law enforcement, and public safety concerns. A copy of this Agreement is provided for inclusion as a part of the application. The Applicants herein state that they intend to be bound by this Agreement and they consider it to be a condition of the grant of their application. As a result, neither the DOJ nor the FBI objects to the grant of the application on a normal streamlined basis.

As previously stated in the application, the transfer of control of Equant U.S. to Atlas will serve the public interest. Authorization by the Commission is the last remaining regulatory approval necessary to consummate the transactions that underlie the Applicants’ application. In order that the underlying transactions can be completed in a timely fashion, the Applicants request that the Commission grant the application by *Public Notice* as soon as possible, but no later than June 13, 2001.

The Applicants appreciate the Commission’s assistance in this matter. If the Commission has any questions or requires any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



William K. Coulter
Counsel to Atlas Telecommunications S.A.

Enclosure

cc: Susan O’Connell, FCC
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