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Foreign Investment Review Staff

<u>By E-File</u>

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Meriplex Telecom, LLC/Clairvest Group Inc. WC Docket No. 18-333 ITC-T/C-20181105-00204

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Department of Justice, with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Defense (collectively, "<u>the Agencies</u>"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("<u>Commission</u>") defer action on the above-referenced proceedings. The Agencies currently are reviewing this matter for any national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues, but have not yet completed that effort. We therefore request that the Commission defer action until such time as the Agencies notify the Commission of the completion of their review and, based on the results of such review, request appropriate action by the Commission.

The Agencies will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

/s/ Alice Suh Jou Alice Suh Jou Attorney National Security Division U.S. Department of Justice

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