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**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON
PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING AND/OR RULEMAKING FILED BY
AMERICATEL CORPORATION**

**PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR COMMENTS ON JOINT PETITION FOR
RULEMAKING TO IMPLEMENT MANDATORY MINIMUM CUSTOMER ACCOUNT
RECORD EXCHANGE OBLIGATIONS ON ALL LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE
CARRIERS FILED BY AT&T CORP., SPRINT CORPORATION, AND WORLDCOM INC.**

CG Docket No. 02-386

Comments Due: January 21, 2003
Reply Comments Due: February 4, 2003

On September 5, 2002, Americatel Corporation (Americatel) filed a petition for declaratory ruling (Petition). The Petition asks the Commission to clarify certain of its rules regarding the obligations of local exchange carriers to provide billing name and address service to interexchange carriers. On November 22, 2002, AT&T Corp., Sprint Corporation, and WorldCom, Inc. filed a joint request for rulemaking (Joint Petition). The Joint Petition asks the Commission to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to impose mandatory minimum Customer Account Record Exchange ("CARE") obligations on all local and interexchange carriers.

We are opening a new Consumer & Governmental Affairs docket, CG Docket No. 02-386, to receive comments on those Petitions.

This matter shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200; 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required. See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

Pursuant to sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **January 21, 2003**, and reply comments on or before **February 4, 2003**.

- Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the

Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

- Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Vistronix, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Filings and comments are available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. They may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail qualexint@aol.com.

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