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Via Overnight Courier

Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard Frankfort, KY 40602-8294

# Re: Notification of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Globalcom, Inc. to First Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

First Communications, Inc. ("FCI") and Globalcom, Inc. ("Globalcom ") (together, "Parties"), by undersigned counsel, hereby notify the Commission of a transaction that will result in the indirect transfer of control of Globalcom, a competitive carrier that holds authority to provide intrastate telecommunications services in Kentucky, to FCI. Although the proposed transaction will result in a change in the ultimate ownership of Globalcom, no transfer of certificates, assets or customers will occur as a consequence of the proposed stock transaction. Globalcom will continue to provide service to its existing customers in Kentucky pursuant to those authorizations under the same rates, terms and conditions. Accordingly, this transaction will be virtually transparent to the customers of Globalcom. The Parties will notify the Commission when the transfer of control is complete.

It is the Parties' understanding that Commission approval is not required in connection with the transaction described herein. Accordingly, this letter is filed for informational purposes only to ensure the continuing accuracy of the Commission's records.

The Parties further state as follows:

# I. <u>Description of the Companies</u>

# A. First Communications, Inc.

FCI is a Delaware corporation listed on the Alternative Investment Market of the London Stock Exchange ("AIM"). FCI's headquarters are located at 3340 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44333. For the purpose of accomplishing this transaction, FCI has created a new merger subsidiary, First Global Telecom, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), a Delaware corporation and direct wholly-owned subsidiary of FCI. In addition, FCI, through its operating subsidiaries First Communications, LLC ("FCL") and Xtension Services, Inc.

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("Xtension"), provides local, private line, and/or long distance services to both business and residential customers in 49 states. Its services include traditional local and long distance services, toll-free services, conference calling packages, calling cards, prepaid calling cards, Internet access and dedicated and private line services.

In Kentucky, FCL is authorized to provide interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to its registration and tariff accepted by the Commission on April 4, 1999. Further information regarding FCI and FCL and the services they provide has previously been submitted to the Commission and is therefore a matter of public record, and the Parties request that it be incorporated herein by reference.

# B. Globalcom, Inc.

Globalcom, an Illinois corporation with its principal offices located at 200 E. Randolph St., Floor 23, Chicago, IL 60601, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GCI Globalcom Holdings, Inc. ("GCI"). Globalcom is a voice and data service provider primarily to small and medium sized business customers in the Chicagoland MSA. It offers complete voice and data solutions including local and long distance, T-1, PRI, Internet T-1, IP Telephony, toll-free, international long distance, access & private networking, conference calling, managed solutions, consulting services, collocation, hosted services, VPN & security and monitoring services.

In Kentucky, Globalcom is authorized to provide resold interexchange telecommunications services pursuant to its registration and tariff accepted by the Commission on June 5, 2000. Further information regarding Globalcom and the services it provides has previously been submitted to the Commission and is therefore a matter of public record, and the Parties request that it be incorporated herein by reference.

# II. Designated Contacts

For the purposes of this filing, questions or any correspondence, orders, or other materials should be directed to the following contacts:

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### III. **Description of the Transaction**

FCI and GCI entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Agreement") on July 18, 2008 whereby Merger Sub will merge with GCI, with GCI surviving. As a result, GCI will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of FCI, and FCI will indirectly control GCI's subsidiary, Globalcom. The Parties notify the Commission of the indirect transfer of control of Globalcom to FCI. For the Commission's convenience, pre- and posttransaction illustrative organization charts for the combined Kentucky operating companies are provided as Exhibit A.

Immediately following the consummation of the proposed transaction, Globalcom will continue to offer service with no change in the name of the company, or its rates or terms and conditions of service. Therefore, the transfer of control of Globalcom will be seamless and virtually transparent to consumers in the State. If in the future FCI seeks to

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change the Globalcom name or make changes to its existing rates, it will do so in accordance with Commission's requirements applicable to such changes.

# IV. <u>Public Interest Considerations</u>

The Parties submit that the proposed transaction will serve the public interest. The proposed acquisition will enable Globalcom to obtain access to additional financial and operational resources from its new parent company. These additional resources will allow Globalcom to strengthen its competitive position in Kentucky to the benefit of Kentucky's consumers and the State's telecommunications marketplace.

In addition, the transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be virtually transparent to customers of Globalcom. The transfer of ultimate control of Globalcom will not result in a change of carrier for customers or any transfer of authorizations. Following consummation of the proposed transaction, Globalcom will continue to provide high-quality communications services to its customers without interruption and without change in rates, terms or conditions. The Parties emphasize that the proposed transfer of control will be seamless and virtually transparent to the customers of Globalcom, and in no event will it result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers.

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An original and ten (10) copies of this notice are enclosed. Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, please do not hesitate to contact Danielle Burt at (202) 373-6039.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT A

Pre- and Post-Transaction Illustrative Charts





# Post-Transaction Illustrative Organization Chart



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# VERIFICATION

I, Joseph R. Morris, state that I am Chief Operating Officer of First Communications, Inc.; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of First Communications, Inc.; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this  $\frac{1}{2}$  day of July, 2008.

Joseph/R. Morris Chief Operating Officer First Communications, Inc.

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I, M. Gavin McCarty, state that I am Chief Legal Officer of Globalcom, Inc.; that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Globalcom, Inc.; that the foregoing filing was prepared under my direction and supervision; and that the contents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this  $\frac{22}{2}$  day of July, 2008.

M. Gavin McCarly Chief Legal Officer Globalcom, Inc.