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RE: **ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE - IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MERCURY VOICE FOR APPROVAL FOR A CHANGE OF CONTROL AND/OR AN INTERNAL REORGANIZATIONS TRANSACTION (DOCKET NO. T-20613A-15-0190)**

On June 9, 2015, Altice S.A. ("Altice S.A.") and Cequel Corporation ("Cequel") filed an informational letter advising the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") that a transaction was entered into in which Altice S.A. will acquire ultimate control of Cequel and its subsidiaries, including Mercury Voice and Data, LLC ("Mercury Voice"). On September 3, 2015, Altice N.V. ("Altice N.V."), Cequel, and Mercury Voice (collectively "the Parties") filed an update regarding the pending transfer of control. Altice N.V., rather than Altice S.A., will become the ultimate parent of Cequel upon closing of the transaction. This is a stock purchase transaction and does not result in the assignment away from Mercury Voice of any certificates or intrastate telecommunications assets in Arizona. Altice N.V. will be acquiring a 70 percent controlling interest in Mercury Voice and other Cequel subsidiaries with the remaining 30 percent interest being retained by Cequel's current shareholders. The Parties expect the transaction to close in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Under the circumstances represented by the filer in its June 9, 2015 and September 3, 2015 letters, no Commission action is required. Staff requests that this docket be administratively closed. This administrative closure should not be construed as either an approval or denial by the Commission.

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