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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

 \mathbf{X} In re: Chapter 11 Case No. ALLEGIANCE TELECOM, INC., et al., 03-13057 (RDD) Debtors. Jointly Administered X

> APPLICATION OF THE DEBTORS, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327(e) AND 328 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF SWIDLER BERLIN SHEREFF FRIEDMAN, LLP AS SPECIAL REGULATORY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT D. DRAIN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Allegiance Telecom, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, "Allegiance" or the "Debtors"), respectfully represent:

Introduction

On May 14, 2003 (the "Commencement Date"), the Debtors each 1. commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors are authorized to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules").

2. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. On May 28, 2003, pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code, the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York the (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee") in these chapter 11 cases.

Jurisdiction

3. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider and determine this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

An Overview of Allegiance's Business

- 4. The Debtors are facilities-based national local exchange carriers that provide integrated telecommunications products and services to small and medium-sized business customers, large businesses (*i.e.*, national customers with multiple locations), governmental entities, wholesale customers and other institutional users. The Debtors offer their customers a variety of services, including:
 - local and long distance voice services, including basic telephone services and advanced calling features;
 - broadband and other Internet and data services, including high-speed Internet access, wide area network interconnection, domain name registration, web hosting, email and collocation services;
 - integrated local long distance/Internet access offerings, which provide customers with integrated voice and Internet access over a single broadband line;

- wholesale services to other regional and national service providers, including equipment collocation, managed modem ports and Internet protocol traffic aggregation; and
- customer premise equipment sales and maintenance services.
- 5. As of the June 30, 2003, Allegiance served more than 100,000 business customers in major markets throughout the United States. As of June 30, 2003, Allegiance employed approximately 3,350 people, of which approximately 91 employees were covered by collective bargaining agreements.
- 6. As of June 30, 2003, the Debtors had approximately \$269.2 million of unrestricted cash on hand. As of June 30, 2003, the Debtors' consolidated books and records reflected assets totaling approximately \$1.292 billion and liabilities totaling approximately \$1.459 billion. For the six months ending June 30, 2003, the Debtors, on a consolidated basis, reported revenues of approximately \$401.2 million and net losses of approximately \$212.4 million.

Relief Requested

7. On May 14, 2003, the Debtors filed that certain Application of the Debtors for Entry of an Order Pursuant to Sections 105(a), 327, 328, 330 and 363(c) of the Bankruptcy Code Authorizing Employment of Professionals Utilized in the Ordinary Course of the Debtors' Businesses (the "OCP Application"). On June 13, 2003, this Court entered an order (the "OCP Order") approving the OCP Application and authorizing the retention of professionals, listed on Exhibit "A" to the OCP Application, without the submission of separate employment applications, affidavits and the issuance of separate retention orders for each individual professional firm. Pursuant to the OCP Order, Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP ("Swidler Berlin") was classified as an Ordinary Course Professional (as such term is defined in the OCP

Application) and retained by the Debtors to provide certain limited legal services, primarily involving representing the Debtors before the state regulatory commissions ("State PUCs").

- 8. In light of important new decisions and proceedings that are or may be arising at the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") and which will have a significant impact on the business and operations of the Debtors, the Debtors have determined that they will need Swidler Berlin to perform additional legal services that may, at times, cause it to exceed the monthly payment limits imposed under the OCP Order. In addition, Swidler Berlin's services may be required regarding telecommunications regulatory issues that may arise in connection with the preparation and implementation of the Debtors' plan of reorganization and/or sale of assets or transfer of control by the Debtors, including, but not limited to, preparing any regulatory filings and seeking required regulatory approvals.
- 9. Accordingly, by this Application, the Debtors seek authority, pursuant to sections 327(e) and 328 of the Bankruptcy Code, to retain and employ Swidler Berlin, effective as of the date of the Application, as special regulatory counsel in these chapter 11 cases to perform certain legal services related to regulatory matters.

Basis for Relief

Swidler Berlin's Qualifications

10. Swidler Berlin has unique expertise and knowledge of the Debtors' telecommunication businesses and specialized in matters before the FCC and the State PUCs. Attorneys at Swidler Berlin have a long-standing relationship with the Debtors and are familiar with the Debtors' business operations and regulatory affairs. Prior to the Commencement Date, Swidler Berlin represented the Debtors in a variety of matters involving, among other things, issues arising in connection with various State PUCs and the FCC. For example, Swidler Berlin

has (a) assisted the Debtors in obtaining federal and state telecommunications licenses, (b) advised the Debtors of regulatory compliance issues and (c) obtained federal and state regulatory approvals for various transactions. As a consequence of the breadth of Swidler Berlin's representation of the Debtors, Swidler Berlin is intimately familiar with the complex legal issues that have arisen and are likely to arise in connection with the Debtors' business operations, their restructuring and their strategic and transactional goals.

- Debtors believe that Swidler Berlin's recognized expertise in regulatory affairs, the Debtors believe that Swidler Berlin is uniquely qualified to assist them with the legal issues that have arisen and are likely to arise in connection with the regulatory aspects of the Debtors' businesses and these chapter 11 cases. Regulatory compliance and developments are critical to the ongoing success of the Debtors since the FCC and the State PUCs are the governmental bodies that regulate the Debtors' businesses and issue licenses essential to the Debtors' ongoing operations. It is essential for the Debtors to remain aware of and be in compliance with regulatory obligations and to be advised of the regulatory implications and requirements as part of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases because the strategies adopted to address these matters will affect the Debtors' ability to continue to provide services, preserve and maintain Debtors' operating assets, remain competitive in the industry, and assure that their restructuring is consistent with regulatory requirements.
- 12. Based on the foregoing, and, specifically, given Swidler Berlin's familiarity with the Debtors' business and operations, the Debtors believe that Swidler Berlin will be a critical provider of legal services to the Debtors in connection with their regulatory matters. Accordingly, Swidler Berlin's retention as special regulatory counsel is in the best interest of the Debtors and their estates and creditors.

Services to Be Provided

- 13. The legal services that Swidler Berlin will provide to the Debtors shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) legal advice with respect to the Debtors' regulatory affairs in the context of asset sales or a reorganization;
 - (b) legal advice with respect to the Debtors' regulatory affairs in the continued operation of their businesses and management of their properties; and
 - (c) other legal services, as requested by the Debtors, which may be necessary and proper in furtherance of the foregoing duties.
- 14. Swidler Berlin has indicated its willingness to render the necessary legal services described above as special regulatory counsel. The Debtors reserve their rights to expand the scope of services to be provided by Swidler Berlin, if necessary.
- 15. In addition to Swidler Berlin, by separate applications filed with this Court, the Debtors have retained Kirkland & Ellis LLP ("K&E"), as bankruptcy counsel, Togut, Segal & Segal LLP ("TS&S"), as conflicts counsel, and Latham & Watkins LLP ("Latham"), as counsel to special committee of independent directors of the Debtors' board of directors. Notably, certain aspects of the Debtors' representation will necessarily require Swidler Berlin, K&E, TS&S and Latham to provide cohesive legal services. In that regard, the Debtors submit that the services to be provided by Swidler Berlin will be complimentary rather than duplicative of the services performed by K&E, TS&S and Latham in these chapter 11 cases. Swidler Berlin, K&E, TS&S and Latham will communicate with each other to ensure that there is no duplication of services performed for or charged to the Debtors' estates.

Swidler Berlin's Disinterestedness

- of Jean L. Kiddoo, Esq. (the "Kiddoo Affidavit"), annexed hereto as Exhibit "1," filed in support of this Application, the partners and other attorneys of Swidler Berlin (a) do not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtors and their estates with respect to the matters on which Swidler Berlin is to be retained in these cases and (b) have no connection to the Debtors, the Debtors' creditors or any other party in interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the U.S. Trustee that would affect Swidler Berlin's ability to represent the Debtors in these cases.
- 17. As disclosed in the Kiddoo Affidavit, Swidler Berlin has not represented the Debtors' creditors, equity security holders, or any other parties in interest, or their respective attorneys, in any matter relating to the Debtors or their estates. As further disclosed in the Kiddoo Affidavit, Swidler Berlin, however, may have represented in the past, may currently represent or may represent in the future certain parties in interest in connection with matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases.
- 18. Swidler Berlin is conducting a continuing inquiry into any matters that might affect its disinterested status. In the event additional disclosure is necessary, Swidler Berlin will file a supplemental affidavit with the Court setting forth any facts and circumstances relevant thereto.

Terms of Compensation

19. Subject to Court approval, pursuant to section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, compensation will be payable to Swidler Berlin on an hourly basis, plus reimbursement of

actual, necessary expenses incurred by Swidler Berlin. The principal attorneys and paralegals designated to represent the Debtors and their current standard hourly rates are as follows:

(a)	Andrew D. Lipman	\$500 per hour
(b)	Jean L. Kiddoo	\$470 per hour
(c)	Eric J. Branfman	\$425 per hour
(d)	Patrick Donovan	\$360 per hour
(e)	Harisha Bastiampillai	\$330 per hour
(f)	Philip J. Macres	\$260 per hour
(g)	M. Renee Britt	\$165 per hour

20. The hourly rates set forth above are Swidler Berlin's standard hourly rates for work of this nature and are subject to periodic adjustments to reflect economic and other conditions. These rates are set at a level designated to fairly compensate Swidler Berlin for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed and routine overhead expenses. It is Swidler Berlin's policy to charge its clients in all areas of practice for all other expenses incurred in connection with each client's case. The expenses charged to clients include, among other things, telephone and telecopier toll and other charges, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, document processing, photocopying charges, travel expenses, expenses for "working meals," computerized research, transcription costs, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses such as secretarial and other overtime. Swidler Berlin will charge the Debtors for these expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to Swidler Berlin's other clients and consistent with the guidelines of this Court. Swidler Berlin believes that is fair to charge these expenses to the clients incurring them rather than to increase its hourly rates and spread the expenses among all clients.

21. Prior to the Commencement Date, Swidler Berlin was retained by the Debtors and Swidler Berlin received a retainer in the amount of \$48,515.00 (the "Retainer"). Prior to the Commencement Date, Swidler Berlin was owed, for professional services rendered,

\$9,964.12 (the "Prepetition Fees") by the Debtors. Upon entry of an order approving the retention and employment of Swidler Berlin by the Debtors, Swidler Berlin will apply a portion of the Retainer received from the Debtors to the Prepetition Fees. Swidler Berlin will hold the remaining portion of the Retainer to apply to fees, charges and disbursements relating to services rendered subsequent to the Commencement Date as may be further ordered by this Court.

- 22. The Debtors desire to retain Swidler Berlin under a general retainer because of the extensive legal services that may be required and the fact that the nature and extent of such services are not completely known at this time.
- 23. Swidler Berlin will submit interim and final applications for compensation in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules for the Southern District of New York, the Order Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code Establishing Procedures for Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals, entered by the Court on June 13, 2003, and such other and further orders as the Court may direct.

Waiver of Memorandum of Law

24. Because there are no novel issues of law presented herein, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court waive the requirement that the Debtors file a memorandum of law in support of this Motion pursuant to rule 9013-1(b) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York.

Notice

25. Notice of this Motion has been provided: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) attorneys for the Debtors' prepetition lenders; (c) attorneys for the Creditors' Committee; and (d)

all the other parties on the Master Service List maintained in these chapter 11 cases. In light of the nature of the relief requested herein, the Debtors submit that no other or further notice is required.

26. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that this Court (i) grant the Application and (ii) grant the Debtors such other and further relief as it deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York November 6, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jonathan S. Henes

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EXHIBIT 1

Affidavit of Jean L. Kiddoo

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Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No.

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AFFIDAVIT OF JEAN L. KIDDOO, ON BEHALF OF SWIDLER BERLIN SHEREFF FRIEDMAN, LLP AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327, 328(a), 329 AND 504 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND RULES 2014(a) AND 2016(b) OF FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA)
) ss:
CITY OF WASHINGTON)

Jean L. Kiddoo, being duly sworn and upon oath, hereby deposes and says that the following is true and correct to the best of her knowledge, information and belief:

- I am a member of the bar of the District of Columbia and a member of Swidler
 Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP, located at 3000 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20007
 ("Swidler Berlin" or the "Firm"). I am familiar with the clients represented by Swidler Berlin.
- 2. I submit this Affidavit in support of the application (the "Application") of the Debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") for an order authorizing the retention of Swidler Berlin as special regulatory counsel in these chapter 11 cases pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Application. Except as otherwise indicated herein and except for facts that are matters of public record, all facts set forth in this Affidavit are based on my personal knowledge.

Swidler Berlin's Qualifications

3. Swidler Berlin is a general practice law firm which offers corporate, litigation, and regulatory advice to clients. Swidler Berlin has a strong focus on representation of regulated entities, including telecommunications carriers and service providers. Swidler Berlin's telecommunications practice group is widely recognized for its telecommunications regulatory expertise. Swidler Berlin handles matters in virtually every aspect of telecommunications law, including local, long distance and international telephone common carriage; Internet services and technologies; conventional and emerging wireless services; satellite services; competitive video services; and telecommunications equipment manufacturing and other technology applications. Swidler Berlin also counsels telecommunications and technology clients in transactional, securities, international, litigation, legislative and land use issues. The Firm's practice extends to all 50 states, U.S. Territories, and many international markets. Swidler Berlin also has represented several telecommunications carriers and service providers in reorganization and liquidation proceedings.

Swidler Berlin's Relationship with the Debtors

4. Since approximately July 1997, Swidler Berlin has been the Debtors' primary counsel in the United States for state and federal telecommunications regulatory issues arising from the Debtors' construction, installation, operation, and acquisition of telecommunications equipment and their provision of telecommunications services, and has represented Debtors in state and federal telecommunications regulatory matters and judicial proceedings involving regulatory decisions. Such matters have included, for example, seeking certifications and

transfer approvals from state and federal regulatory agencies, regulatory compliance, regulatory strategy, and participation in federal and state regulatory proceedings.

Swidler Berlin's Connections to the Debtors and Other Parties

- 5. Neither I nor any principal of or professional employed Swidler Berlin, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, (a) represents or holds any interest adverse to the Debtors and their estates with respect to the matters on which Swidler Berlin is to be retained in these cases and (b) has any connection to the Debtors, the Debtors' creditors or any other party in interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee that would affect Swidler Berlin's ability to represent the Debtors in these cases.
- 6. Swidler Berlin has conducted a series of searches of its records to identify representations and relationships with creditors and other parties in interest (or potential parties in interest) in respect of the Debtors. Specifically, Swidler Berlin has searched its records to identify circumstances in which Swidler Berlin had relationships with clients other than the Debtor entities on matters involving the Debtor entities. In addition, Swidler Berlin has searched its records to identify representations and potential relationships with the following entities, the names of which have been provided to Swidler Berlin by the Debtors: (a) the Debtors; (b) equity security holders of the Debtors; (c) current and former directors and officers of the Debtors from 2001 through 2003; (c) the significant vendors of the Debtors; (d) parties to significant actual or known potential litigation with the Debtors, (e) insurers of the Debtors; (f) the top 40 unsecured creditors of the Debtors; (g) the significant customers of the Debtors; (h) landlords of the Debtors; (i) major competitors of the Debtors; (j) indenture trustee; (k) beneficiaries of letters of

credit; (1) the bank group; (m) beneficiaries of performance bonds; (n) bondholders of 11 3/4% senior discount notes; (o) bondholders of 12 7/8% senior notes; (p) creditors under capital lease agreements; (q) professionals retained by the Debtors; and (r) judgment lien holders (collectively, the "Retention Checklist").

- 7. Swidler Berlin may have performed services in the past, may currently perform services and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases. Based upon the review described in Paragraph 6 above, the entities listed on the copy of the Retention Checklist, annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," that are marked with an asterisk (*) are known to be current or former clients or affiliates of current or former clients of the Firm. To the best of my knowledge, Swidler Berlin's representation of those entities is not adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which Swidler Berlin is retained in these cases, and it is my belief that the Firm's relationship with those entities will not otherwise affect the Debtors or their estates.
- 8. Andrew Lipman, a member of the Firm, currently serves as a Director of Allegiance Telecom, Inc. Mr. Lipman has served in that capacity since May 2001 and received compensation of \$10,000 for calendar year 2002 and \$41,250 to date for calendar year 2003 for this service. Mr. Lipman owns a total of 52,550 shares of Allegiance Telecom, Inc.'s common stock, of which 37,500 are shares of restricted stock. Mr. Lipman has deferred the distribution of vested restricted stock until a later date. Mr. Lipman's connection with the Debtors is also marked by an asterisk (*) on Exhibit "A."

- 9. Two other individual members of Swidler Berlin hold publicly traded securities of the Debtors. Neither of these individuals is or will be working on matters undertaken by Swidler Berlin on behalf of the Debtors.
- 10. Swidler Berlin believes that none of the relationships described in this Affidavit will affect Swidler Berlin's ability to represent the Debtors.
- 11. Based on the information provided to Swidler Berlin by the Debtors in the Retention Checklist, the Firm has made reasonable efforts to discover and disclose the existence of any conflict of interest or connections. Swidler Berlin is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of that inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, Swidler Berlin should discover any facts bearing on the matters described herein, Swidler Berlin will file a supplemental affidavit with the Court setting forth any facts and circumstances relevant thereto.

Swidler Berlin's Proposed Retention and Compensation

- 12. The professional services that Swidler Berlin will render to the Debtors include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) legal advice with respect to the Debtors' regulatory affairs in the context of asset sales or a reorganization;
 - (b) legal advice with respect to the Debtors' regulatory affairs in the continued operation of their businesses and management of their properties; and
 - (c) other legal services, as requested by the Debtors, which may be necessary and proper in furtherance of the foregoing duties.
- 13. Swidler Berlin, at the request of the Debtors, may provide additional legal services as deemed appropriate and necessary in these chapter 11 cases.

14. Swidler Berlin will charge the following standard hourly rates for the principal attorneys and paralegals designated to represent the Debtors:

(a)	Andrew D. Lipman	\$500 per hour
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- other expenses incurred in connection with each client's case. The expenses charged to clients include, among other things, telephone and telecopier toll and other charges, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, document processing, photocopying charges, travel expenses, expenses for "working meals," computerized research, transcription costs, as well as non-ordinary overhead expenses such as secretarial and other overtime. Swidler Berlin will charge the Debtors for these expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made generally to Swidler Berlin's other clients and consistent with the guidelines of this Court.
- 16. Prior to the Commencement Date, Swidler Berlin was retained by the Debtors and Swidler Berlin received a retainer in the amount of \$48,515.00 (the "Retainer"). Prior to the Commencement Date, Swidler Berlin was owed, for professional services rendered, the amount of \$9,964.12 (the "Prepetition Fees") by the Debtors. Upon entry of an order approving the retention and employment of Swidler Berlin by the Debtors, Swidler Berlin will apply a portion of the Retainer received from the Debtors to the Prepetition Fees. Swidler Berlin will hold the

remaining portion of the Retainer to apply to fees, charges and disbursements relating to services rendered subsequent to the Commencement Date as may be further ordered by this Court.

17. Neither I nor any principal of or professional employed by Swidler Berlin has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than the principals and regular employees of Swidler Berlin as permitted by section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code. The proposed retention of Swidler Berlin is not prohibited by Rule 5002 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

/ Jean L. Kiddoo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6^{n} day of November, 2003.

Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia

My commission expires: <u>Norlember 30 7003</u>

Exhibit A

Debtors

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Allegiance Internet, Inc.

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RETENTION OF SWIDLER BERLIN SHEREFF FRIEDMAN, LLP
AS SPECIAL REGULATORY COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that upon the annexed application, dated November 6, 2003 (the "Application"), of Allegiance Telecom, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), requesting entry of an order authorizing the employment of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP as special regulatory counsel to the Debtors pursuant to sections 327(e) and 328 of title 11 of the United States Code, as more fully set forth in the Application, a hearing will be held before the Hon. Robert D. Drain, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 610 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"), Alexander Hamilton Custom House,

One Bowling Green, New York, New York, 10004-1408, on November 19, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, or as soon thereafter as the Debtors are heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Application shall be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the Southern District of New York, shall set forth the name of the objectant, the nature and amount of claims or interests held or asserted by the objectant against the Debtors' estates or property, the basis for the objection, and the specific grounds therefore, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court electronically in accordance with General Order M-242 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's case filing system and, by all other parties in interest, on a 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers) and served in accordance with General Order M-242, and shall further be served upon (a) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 153 East 53rd Street, New York, New York 10022 (Attn. Samuel S. Kohn, Esq.); (b) the Office of the United States Trustee, 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004 (Attn. Pamela J. Lustrin, Esq.); (c) Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 600 Peachtree Street, N.E., 24th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (Attn. Jesse Austin, III, Esq.); (d)

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer Feld LLP, 590 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022 (Attn. Ira S. Dizengoff, Esq.) and (e) Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP, located at 3000 K Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20007 (Attn. Jean L. Kiddoo, Esq.), so as to be actually received no later than November 14, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

Dated: New York, New York November 6, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

: Chapter 11 Case No. Allegiance Telecom, Inc., et al., : 03-13057 (RDD)

Debtors. : Jointly Administered

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN SWIDLER BERLIN SHEREFF FRIEDMAN, LLP AS SPECIAL REGULATORY COUNSEL

Upon the application, dated November 6, 2003 (the "Application"), of Allegiance Telecom, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), seeking entry of an order, pursuant to sections 327(e) and 328(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), authorizing and approving the employment and retention of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP ("Swidler Berlin") as special regulatory counsel to the Debtors, as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon the affidavit of Jean L. Kiddoo, Esq., a member of the firm of Swidler Berlin, sworn to on November 6, 2003 (the "Kiddoo Affidavit"), annexed to the Application as Exhibit "1"; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction to consider and determine the Application as a core proceeding in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the Court being satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application and the Kiddoo Affidavit, that Swidler does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates as to the matters upon which it is to be engaged; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and it appearing that due and proper notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice need be given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

ORDERED that the Application is granted, and it is further

ORDERED that, in accordance with sections 327(e) and 328 of the Bankruptcy

Code, the Debtors are authorized to employ and retain Swidler Berlin, effective as of the date of

the Application, as their special regulatory counsel upon the terms and conditions set forth in the

Application; and it is further

ORDERED that Swidler Berlin shall be compensated in accordance with the

procedures set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of

Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, the

guidelines established by the Office of the United States Trustee, and such orders and procedures

as may be fixed by this Court; and it is further

ORDERED that Swidler Berlin is authorized to apply a portion of the Retainer (as

defined in the Application) to pay the Prepetition Fees (as defined in the Application) (i.e., the

amount of \$9,964.12) and shall hold the remaining portion of the Retainer to apply to fees,

charges and disbursements relating to services rendered subsequent to the Commencement Date

as may be further ordered by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all

matters arising the implementation of this Order.

Dated: New York, New York

November, 2003

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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