

**EXHIBIT A**

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***Objection Deadline: May 10, 2004***

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re :  
 : Chapter 11 Case No.  
Allegiance Telecom, Inc., et al., : 03-13057 (RDD)  
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Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)  
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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO GUIDELINES FOR FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS**

I, Jean L. Kiddoo, hereby declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

1. I am a member of the firm of Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP (“SBSF”), I have read the foregoing Application in full, and I am familiar with its contents.

2. I have personally performed many of the legal services rendered by SBSF as Special Regulatory Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession, and I am familiar with the work performed by the attorneys, other professionals, and paraprofessionals of SBSF in connection with this matter.

3. I have reviewed the Application, and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Additionally, I have reviewed the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Cases adopted by the Court on April 19, 1995, the United States Trustee

Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 adopted on January 30, 1996, and this Court’s order dated January 28, 2002, establishing procedures for interim compensation of professionals in these cases (collectively, the “Orders”). In particular, I certify that:

- a. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the Application complies with the Orders;
- b. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, formed after reasonable inquiry, the request for an interim allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement for expenses incurred (hereinafter, the “Compensation”), as otherwise set forth in the Application falls within the Guidelines with respect to the Compensation requested for all services rendered and expenses incurred except as set forth herein and in the Application; and
- c. The Compensation sought in the Application is billed at rates and charged in accordance with the practices customarily employed by SBSF and generally accepted by SBSF’s bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy clients (except as have been reduced to comply with the Guidelines).
- d. SBSF has provided a copy of the Application to the Debtors, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors and the Office of the United States Trustee.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 8, 2004.

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/s/ Jean L. Kiddoo  
Jean L. Kiddoo