



PUBLIC NOTICE

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STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING

SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. § 63.18); CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS (47 C.F.R. § 1.767) REQUESTS TO AUTHORIZE SWITCHED SERVICES OVER PRIVATE LINES (47 C.F.R. § 63.16); SECTION 310(B)(4) REQUESTS

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The international Section 214 applications listed below have been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing and subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. These applications are for authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214, (a) to transfer control of an authorized carrier or to assign a carrier's existing authorization; and/or (b) to become a facilities-based international common carrier; and/or (c) to become a resale-based international common carrier.

Pursuant to Section 63.12 of the rules, these Section 214 applications will be granted 14 days after the date of this public notice (see 47 C.F.R. § 1.4 regarding computation of time), and the applicant may commence operations on the 15th day, unless the Commission has informed the applicant in writing, within 14 days after the date of this public notice, that the application, on further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

Communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning these applications are permitted subject to the Commission's rules for "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206. An application can be removed from streamlined processing only in the sound discretion of Commission staff. The filing of comments or a petition to deny will not necessarily result in an application being deemed ineligible for streamlined processing.

The petitions for declaratory ruling listed below are (1) for authority under Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 310(b)(4), to exceed the 25 percent foreign ownership benchmark applicable to common carrier radio licensees, or (2) under Section 63.16 of the rules, to add a foreign market to the list of markets for which carriers may provide switched services over private lines. The requested rulings will be granted 14 days after the date of this public notice, effective the next day, unless the application is formally opposed or the Commission has informed the applicant in writing, within 14 days of the date of this public notice, that the application, on further examination, has been deemed ineligible for streamlined processing. For this purpose, a formal opposition shall be sufficient only if it is received by the Commission and by the applicant within 14 days of the date of this public notice and its caption and text make it unmistakably clear that it is intended to be a formal opposition.

Copies of all applications listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Office of Public Affairs Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. All applications listed are subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

We request that comments on any of these applications refer to the application file number shown below.

ISP-PDR-20000406-00003

CNG COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Petition for Declaratory Ruling

Application seeking a declaratory ruling to exceed the 25% indirect foreign ownership cap under 47 U.S.C. Section 310(b)(4) from TeleSpectra, LLC in the context of a transfer of control of CNG Communications.. TeleSpectra, which will become the parent corporation of CNG Communications, Inc. CNG Communications holds several earth station licenses, private radio stations and common carrier radio licenses. TeleSpectra is 58% Canadian-owned and we must determine whether CNG's indirect foreign ownership in excess of 25% is in the public interest.

ITC-214-20000414-00240

LINEDRIVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000420-00221

ASTROCOM CORPORATION

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based Service, Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(1) of the rules and also to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000424-00241

MOUNTAIN RURAL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CORPORATION, INC. (d/b/a MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE)

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000424-00242

FOOTHILLS TELEPHONE (d/b/a FOOTHILLS TELEPHONE LONG DISTANCE)

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000424-00244

PEOPLE'S RURAL TELEPHONE (d/b/a PEOPLE'S RURAL LONG DISTANCE)

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000424-00246

THACKER-GRISBY TELEPHONE (d/b/a THACKER GRISBY LONG DISTANCE)

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000425-00247

BIGREDWIRE.COM, INC.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based AND Resale Service

Application for authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(1) of the rules and also to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000425-00248

USA DIGITAL, INC.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000426-00236

VTEL LONG DISTANCE

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000426-00250

RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, A MONTANA CORPORATION (d/b/a RTC
LONG DISTANCE)

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Global or Limited Global Facilities-Based AND Resale Service

Application for authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(1) of the rules and also to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-214-20000428-00239

TOTAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Service(s): Individual Switched Resale Service

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules.

ITC-T/C-20000425-00249

GENERAL TELECOM

Transfer of Control

Current Licensee: GENERAL TELECOM

FROM: GENERAL TELECOM

TO: THOMAS TILTON AND JEANNE SWANKE

Application for Consent to a nunc pro tunc Transfer of Control of General Telecom from Melissa Craig to Thomas Tilton and Jeanne Swanke.

REMINDERS:

Applicants must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-.2003.

The Commission most recently amended its rules applicable to international telecommunications common carriers in IB Docket No. 98-118, Review of International Common Carrier Regulations, FCC 99-51, released March 23, 1999, 64 Fed. Reg. 19,057 (Apr. 19, 1999). An updated version of Section 63.09-.24 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at <http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/telecomrules.html>.