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DA 89-647

In the Matter of  
AT & T OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS, INC.

Application for authority to supplement facilities to points in the Caribbean area and provide direct service to Anguilla, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, and St. Lucia.

Application for authority to provide direct service to France.

File No. I-T-C-89-056

File No. I-T-C-89-058

### ORDER, AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATE

Adopted: June 7, 1989; Released: June 19, 1989

By the Chief, International Facilities Division:

**\*\*1** 1. The above-captioned applications, filed on February 14, 1989 by AT & T of the Virgin Islands, Inc. (AT & T-VI), request authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to acquire and operate facilities for supplementary service between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Antigua, Barbados, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, St. Maarten and Trinidad, and new direct service between the U.S. Virgin Islands and Anguilla, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and France. AT & T-VI also requests authority to retire the analog St. Thomas-Tortola Microwave system and grant capacity, on an indefeasible right of user (IRU) basis, in the St. Thomas-Tortola Digital Microwave System to Teleglobe Canada and BET, Barbados. The applications were placed on public notice on February 22, 1989. No comments were received. Upon consideration of the applications, we find that authorization of the requested facilities and services is required by the public convenience and necessity.

2. IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the provision of direct service between the U.S. Virgin Islands, on the one hand, and Anguilla, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia and France, on the other hand, by AT & T-VI.

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that application File Nos. I-T-C-89-056 and I-T-C-89-058 ARE GRANTED, and AT & T-VI is authorized to:

- a. activate and operate 215 channels in the St. Thomas terminal of the St. Thomas-Tortola Digital Microwave System;
- b. acquire on an IRU basis and operate half-interests in the following 64 kbit/s circuits in the Digital Eastern Caribbean Microwave System (DECMS):

<b>DECMS Sections</b>	<b>No. of Circuits</b>
Tortola-Saba	144
Saba-St. Kitts	126
St. Kitts-Montserrat	95
Montserrat-Guadeloupe	65
Guadeloupe-Dominica	57

Dominica–St. Lucia	42	
St. Lucia–St. Vincent	27	
St. Vincent–Grenada	17	
Grenada–Trinidad	17	
<b>DECMS</b>		<b>Spurs</b>
Saba–Anguilla		10
Montserrat–Antigua		22
St. Vincent–Barbados		10
Saba–St. Maarten		8

**\*\*2** c. use the facilities in a and b to provide AT & T–VI's regularly authorized services between the U.S. Virgin Islands and the following points;

<b>Country</b>	<b>No. of Circuits</b>
Anguilla	10
Antigua	22
Barbados	10
British Virgin Islands	71
Dominica	15
Guadeloupe	8
Montserrat	8
St. Kitts & Nevis	31
St. Lucia	15
St. Maarten	8
Trinidad	17
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d. activate and operate six channels in the St. Thomas terminal of the St. Thomas–Tortola Digital Microwave System;

e. acquire on an IRU basis and operate half-interests in the following 64 kbit/s circuits in the DECMS:

DECMS Sections	No. of Circuits
Tortola–Saba	6
Saba–St. Kitts	6
St. Kitts–Montserrat	6
Montserrat–Guadeloupe	6

f. use the facilities in d & e above together with matching facilities and facilities wholly provided by its correspondent to provide AT & T–VI's regularly authorized services between the U.S. Virgin Islands and France<sup>1</sup>;

g. retire the analog St. Thomas–Tortola microwave system; and

h. make available on an IRU basis half-interests in the following number of circuits in the St. Thomas–Tortola Digital Microwave System:

1). to Teleglobe Canada—80 circuits;

2). to AT & T–VI's correspondent, BET in Barbados—one circuit.

**\*4962** 4. No material changes inconsistent with this or any other relevant Commission order shall be made before final execution of operating agreements between AT & T–VI and its correspondents in Anguilla, Guadeloupe, Montserrat, St. Kitts, and Nevis, St. Lucia and France, and copies of the agreements shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days of their execution.

5. No substantial changes inconsistent with this or any other relevant Commission order shall be made before final execution of IRU agreements between AT & T–VI and its correspondents and copies of the agreements shall be filed with the Commission within 30 days of their execution.

6. Within 60 days after the release of this order, AT & T–VI shall notify the Commission of the accounting treatment that it intends to use in retiring the analog St. Thomas–Tortola microwave system.

**\*\*3** 7. Upon discontinuance of use and operation of the analog St. Thomas–Tortola microwave system, AT & T–VI shall notify the Commission thereof and submit to the Commission for cancellation any license it possesses covering the subject microwave system.

8. This order is issued under Section 0.291 of the Commission's Rules and is effective upon adoption. Petitions for reconsideration under Section 1.106 or applications for review under Section 1.115 of the Commission's Rules may be filed within 30 days of the date of public notice of this order (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Footnotes

- 1 AT & T-VI's correspondent in France, Direction des Telecommunications Du Reseau International (DTRE), will provide the channels from Guadeloupe to France by Satellite Facilities.  
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