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In the Matter of IDB AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,  
For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications  
Act of 1934, as Amended, to Interconnect with the Facilities  
of MCI Telecommunications Corporation

File No. ITC-93-141

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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RELEASE-NUMBER:  
DA 93-1441

December 3, 1993 Released; Adopted November 26, 1993

ACTION: \*1

MEMORANDUM OPINION, ORDER AND AUTHORIZATION

JUDGES:

By the Chief, International Facilities Division

OPINIONBY:  
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OPINION:

1. The Commission has before it an application filed by IDB Aeronautical Communications, Inc., dba IDB Mobile Communications, (IDB) pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01, requesting authority to interconnect its coast earth station facilities and services with the domestic and international network of MCI Telecommunications Corporation, including MCI International, Inc. (collectively, MCI). IDB seeks this authority in order to facilitate the exchange of telecommunication services between points served by MCI and mobile earth stations in the Atlantic (AOR-West, AOR -- East), Pacific (POR) and Indian Ocean (IOR) Regions served by IDB. The application appeared on public notice on March 31, 1993. No oppositions remain. n1

n1 COMSAT Corporation (COMSAT) filed a Partial Opposition to IDB's application on April 30, 1993, but withdrew its submission on November 12, 1993. We find no public interest issue arising out of COMSAT's pleading that warrants our independent action in this matter. \*2

2. IDB seeks authority to interconnect its existing facilities with the existing facilities of MCI. The interconnected facilities will be used to provide a variety of telecommunication services, such as analog voice, digital voice and data, compressed video, facsimile, telex, and packet switched data network services. Service in the POR and AOR-West will be provided using IDB's facilities at Niles Canyon, California. Service in the AOR-East will be provided on IDB's facilities at Staten island, New York, and service in the IOR will be provided by IDB's facilities at Perth (Gnangara), Australia. All services will be provided using the INMARSAT satellite system. IDB states that

interconnection will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by increasing customer choice and offering diverse routing arrangements. MCI's interconnection with IDB will enable MCI to route its traffic to either COMSAT or IDB.

3. We find that the interconnection proposed by IDB by this application will further the present and future public convenience and necessity by providing additional choices to customers in the maritime telecommunications market. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that application \*3 File No. ITC-93-141 IS GRANTED, and IDB IS AUTHORIZED, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934 and Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, to interconnect with MCI in the provision of maritime services as described herein.  
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n2 IDB has been deemed "dominant" with respect to its provision of international mobile satellite services.

4. 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 public notice of this Order (see Section 1.4(b)(2)).

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

George S. Li, Chief

International Facilities Division

Common Carrier Bureau