

Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.)

Order and Authorization

***1** IN THE MATTER OF RCI LONG DISTANCE, INC.
File No. **I-T-C-94-320**

Application for authority to acquire and operate facilities for service between
the U.S. and various overseas points.

DA 94-941

Adopted: August 22, 1994
Released: September 2, 1994

By the Chief, International Facilities Division:

1. Upon consideration of the above-captioned uncontested application, filed pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the provision of direct service between the U.S. and the points listed in the Appendix hereto by RCI Long Distance, Inc. (RCI). Columbia Communications Corporation (Columbia) filed comments in response to RCI's application. [FN1]

2. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that application File No. **I-T-C-94-320** IS GRANTED and RCI is authorized to:

a. lease from Comsat and operate 50 T-1 and 25 digital voice/data satellite circuits between appropriately licensed U.S. earth stations and appropriate INTELSAT Atlantic and Pacific Ocean satellites, and between appropriate overseas earth stations and INTELSAT Indian Ocean satellites, connecting with similar circuits between the satellites and earth stations in the countries listed in the Appendix hereto furnished by RCI's correspondents;

b. lease and operate necessary facilities in the appropriately licensed U.S. or overseas earth stations to be used in conjunction with the satellite space segment capacity;

c. lease and operate necessary domestic connecting facilities and a one-half interest in necessary overseas connecting facilities; and

d. use facilities in a, b and c above to provide RCI's regularly authorized services between the U.S. and the countries listed in the Appendix hereto.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that our authorization of RCI to provide private lines as part of its authorized services is limited to the provision of such private lines only between the United States and the countries listed in the Appendix—that is, private lines which originate in the United States and terminate in one or more of the countries listed in the Appendix or which originate in one or more

of the countries listed in the Appendix and terminate in the United States. In addition, RCI may not--and RCI's tariff must state that RCI's customers may not--connect private lines provided over these facilities to the public switched network at either the U.S. or foreign end, or both, for the provision of international basic telecommunications services, including switched voice services, unless authorized to do so by the Commission upon a finding that the foreign country affords resale opportunities equivalent to those available under U.S. law, in accordance with [Regulation of International Accounting Rates, Phase II, First Report and Order, 7 FCCRcd 559 \(1991\)](#), Order on Reconsideration and Third Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, [7 FCCRcd 7927 \(1992\)](#), petition for reconsideration pending.

*2 4. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that neither RCI nor any persons or companies directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by RCI, or under direct or indirect common control with it, shall acquire or enjoy any right, for the purposes of handling or interchanging traffic to or from the United States, its territories or possessions, which is denied to any other United States carrier by reason of any concession, contract, understanding, or working arrangement to which RCI or any persons or companies controlling or controlled by RCI are parties.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file copies of any operating agreement it enters into with its foreign correspondent with the Commission within 30 days of its execution, and shall otherwise comply with the filing requirements contained in Section 43.51 of the Commission's Rules, [47 C.F.R. § 43.51](#).

6. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file a tariff pursuant to Section 203 of the Communications Act, [47 U.S.C. § 203](#), and Part 61 of the Commission's Rules, [47 C.F.R. Part 61](#), for the service authorized in this Order.

7. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file the annual reports of overseas telecommunications traffic required by Section 43.61 of the Commission's Rules, [47 C.F.R. § 43.61](#).

8. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the applicant shall file semi-annual circuit reports pursuant to Section 63.15(b) of the Commission's Rules, [47 C.F.R. § 63.15\(b\)](#).

9. The Commission retains jurisdiction over this matter to reallocate circuits in the satellite system among the various international common carriers and other authorized users as required to ensure nondiscriminatory use of, and equitable access to, the communications satellite system.

10. 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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FN1. Columbia's sole concern is that RCI had not identified the satellite to be used. In a letter dated January 20, 1994, RCI clarified its application to specify use of the INTELSAT system for the proposed services.

APPENDIX

Countries to which RCI is authorized to provide service

Afghanistan

Algeria

American Samoa

Andorra

Angola

Anguilla

Antarctica (Casey Base)

Antarctica (Scott Base)

Antigua (Barbuda)

Argentina

Armenia

Aruba

Ascension Island

***3** Australia

Austria

Azerbaijan

Bahamas

Bahrain

Bangladesh

Barbados

Belarus

Belgium

Belize

Benin

Bermuda

Bhutan

Bolivia

Bosnia-Herzegovina

Botswana

Brazil

British Virgin Islands

Brunei

Bulgaria

Burkina Faso

Burma

Burundi

Cameroon

Canada

Cape Verde Islands

Cayman Islands

Central African Republic

Chad

Chile

China (Peoples' Republic)
Christmas and Cocos Islands
Colombia
Comoros (Federal and Islamic)
Congo (Republic)
Cook Islands
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Denmark
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Easter Island
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Estonia
Ethiopia
Faeroe Islands
Faulkland Islands
Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji Islands

Finland

France

French Antilles

French Guiana

French Polynesia

Gabon

Gambia

Georgia

Germany

Ghana

Gibraltar

Greece

Greenland

Guam

Guadeloupe

Grenada

Guantanamo (U.S. Base)

Guatemala

Guinea (Peoples' Republic)

Guinea-Bissau

Haiti

Honduras

Hong Kong

Hungary

Iceland

India

Indonesia

Iran

Iraq

Ireland

Israel

Italy

Jamaica

Japan

Jordan

Kazakhstan

Kenya

Kiribati

Korea (Republic)

Kuwait

Kyrgyzstan

Laos

Latvia

Lebanon

Lesotho

Liberia

Libya

Liechtenstein

Lithuania

Luxembourg

Macao

Macedonia

Madagascar

Malawi

Malaysia

Maldives

Mali

Malta

Marshall Islands

Mauritania

Mauritius

Mexico

Midway

Moldova

Monaco

Mongolian Peoples' Republic

Montserrat

Morocco

Mozambique

Namibia

Nauru

Nepal

Netherlands

Netherlands Antilles

Nevis

New Caledonia

New Zealand

Nicaragua

Nigeria

Niger Republic

Niue

Norfolk Island

Norway

Oman

Pakistan

Palau

Panama

Papua New Guinea

Paraguay

Peru

Philippines

Pitcairn Island

Poland

Portugal

Qatar

Reunion Island

Romania

Russia

Rwanda

St. Helena

St. Kitts

St. Lucia

St. Pierre and Miquelon

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Saipan

San Marino

Sao Tome

Saudi Arabia

Senegal

Serbia

Seychelles Islands

Sierra Leone

Singapore

Slovak Republic

Slovenia

Solomon Islands

Somali Republic

South Africa

Spain

Spanish Sahara

Sri Lanka

Sudan

Suriname

Swaziland

Sweden

Switzerland

Syria

Taiwan

Tanzania

Thailand

Togo

Tonga

Trinidad and Tobago

Tunisia

Turkey

Turkmenistan

Turks and Caicos Islands

Tuvalu

Uganda

Ukraine

United Arab Emirates

United Kingdom

Uruguay

Uzbekistan

Vanuatu

Vatican City

Venezuela

Wake

Wallis and Futuna Islands

***4** Western Samoa

Yemen (Republic)

Yemen (Peoples' Democratic Republic)

Zaire

Zambia

Zimbabwe

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