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Description of Application: _____

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George S. Li, Deputy Chief
Telecommunications Division
International Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
2000 M Street, NW, Room 835
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Grande River Communications, Inc.**
Section 214 Application for Authority to Operate as an
International Resale Carrier

Dear Mr. Li:

On behalf of Grande River Communications, Inc. (Grande River), we hereby submit for filing an original and five copies of a Section 214 Application for authority to operate as an international resale and facilities-based carrier for the purpose of providing switched, data, private line, and other long distances services between the United States and Mexico. Pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules, Grande River requests streamlined processing of the enclosed application.

Please also find enclosed an FCC Form 159 (Remittance Advice) and a check made payable to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of \$745.00 to cover the filing fee associated with this application.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please communicate directly with the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Bennet

Enclosures

Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

**GRANDE RIVER
COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

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) File No. W-P-C ____
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Application for Authorization
Pursuant to Section 214 of the
Communications Act, as Amended,
to Operate as an International
Facilities-Based Carrier)
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To: Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 214 CERTIFICATION

Grande River Communications, Inc. ("Applicant") hereby applies for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended, and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules to sell and resell international switched, data, private line, and other long distance telecommunications services between the United States and Mexico.

In support of this application, the following information is provided in response to the requirements of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules:

- (a) The name, address and telephone number of the applicant are Grande River Communications, Inc., 480 South 6th, Raymondville, Texas 78580, (956) 689-2484.
- (b) Applicant is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Texas.
- (c) Any correspondence concerning this application should be addressed to:

Charles Gowder, General Manager
Grande River Communications, Inc.
480 South 6th
Raymondville, TX 78580
Phone: (956) 689-2484.

with a copy to:

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(d) Applicant is not presently certified under Section 214 of the Communications Act for international services, and by this application requests authorization to operate as an international carrier on both a resale and facilities basis.

(e) Applicant requests Section 214 authority as a resale and facilities-based carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(2) and 63.18(e)(1). Specifically, this application requests authority to resell and provide international public switched private line, data, and other long distance telecommunications services between points in the United States and points in Mexico.

(f) Applicant's proposal conforms to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) and Section 63.18(e)(2), and is subject to streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules.

(g) Applicant does not request facilities-based authority under Section 63.18(e)(6).
(h) Applicant hereby certifies that it has no affiliation, either directly or indirectly, with a foreign carrier. Applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. ("Valley"). Valley is a provider of local exchange service, and is not affiliated with any foreign carrier.

Valley is a telephone cooperative owned by its member subscribers, and has no shareholders or other equity holders with a ten percent or greater direct or indirect interest in Applicant. Applicant and Valley share ten common directors. All directors of both Applicant and Valley are U.S. citizens. There are no directors of

Applicant or Valley who also serve as directors of a foreign carrier.

- (i) Applicant hereby certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the U.S. and any foreign country which Applicant may serve under the authority granted under Part 63 of the FCC's rules and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

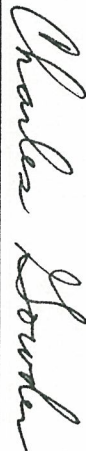
- (j) Applicant hereby certifies, pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the FCC rules, that neither it nor any party to this application is subject to denial of federal benefits that include FCC benefits, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 853(a).

Applicant acknowledges its responsibility for the continuing accuracy of the certifications required by paragraphs (h), (i) and (j) of this application.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that Section 214 authorization be granted to Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Grande River Communications, Inc.

By 
Charles Gowder
General Manager

Date: August 24, 1998