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Description of Application: _____

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COMPETITIVE COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

October 2, 1998

Federal Communications Commission
IB Telecommunications Division
P.O. Box 358115
Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

Re: Application of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa for
Authorization under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as
Amended to Operate as a International Facilities-Based Carrier

Attn: Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau

On behalf of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa, enclosed for filing are an original and five (5) copies of the above referenced application. Also enclosed is the required FCC Form 159 and a check payable to the Federal Communications Commission in the amount of \$780.00 to cover the required filing fee.

Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this application and return it in the self-addressed, postage paid envelope provided. Should you have any questions concerning this application, please call the undersigned at 301-699-5300.

Sincerely,



Sharon McDonald
Competitive Communications Group
Consultant for

Encl.

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

In the Matter of

**Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a
aXessa**

File No. _____

Application for Authority Pursuant
To Section 214 Of the Communications Act
Of 1943, As Amended, for Global Authority
To Operate as an International Facilities-
Based Carrier

To: Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau

SECTION 214 APPLICATION

I.

Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa ("Applicant") hereby requests authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, to provide global international facilities-based services between the United States and international points.

Applicant is a U.S. company organized to provide international telecommunications services. Applicant has no foreign affiliations and serves business customers throughout the United States.

By granting this application, the Commission will serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by promoting competition in the international services market. Competition will benefit U.S. consumers by increasing service options and lowering prices. Thus, the public

interest will be served by the grant of Section 214 authority to Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa.

The following information is submitted as required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, in Support of Applicant's request for authorization.

II.

a) Name and address of Applicant:

Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa
11823 Market Place Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA 70809
(225) 297-2500

b) State law under which Applicant is organized:
Delaware

c) Correspondence concerning this application should be addressed to:

Doug Dawson, Consultant
Competitive Communications Group
6811 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 302
Riverdale, Maryland 20737
301/699-5300

d) Applicant has not previously received authority under Section 214 of the Act.

e) Applicant requests global facilities-based Section 214 authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's Rules.

f) At this time Applicant seeks no other authorization under Section 63.18(e).

g) Applicant does not seek to construct facilities not mentioned in Section 63.18(e).

h) Applicant hereby certifies that it has no affiliation with any foreign or U.S. facilities-based carrier. The applicant also certifies that there are no shareholders of ten percent (10%) or greater of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa.

Officers of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Xessa are as follows:

Robert A. Hart, IV Chairman of the Board	4615 North Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806	504/927-6815
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D. Allyn Mader Chief Administrative Officer	1340 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70112	504/598-6699
Lennen D. Madere VP & General Manager	1340 Poydras Street New Orleans, LA 70112	504/598-6699

All officers and directors are U.S. citizens.

- i) Applicant certifies that it has not agreed and will not agree 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 the Applicant may serve under authority granted hereunder.

- j) Applicant certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, neither Applicant nor any party to this application is subject to a denial of federal radio licenses under Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

In conclusion, Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a aXessa, certifies that all of the information in this application is accurate and correct. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission grant this application.

Respectfully submitted,




Doug Dawson
Competitive Communications Group
Consultant for Columbia Telecommunications, Inc.
d/b/a aXessa.

Dated: October 2, 1998

Encl.
Cc: A. Madere

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Sharon McDonald, of Competitive Communications Group, 6811 Kenilworth Avenue, Suite 302, Riverdale, Maryland 20737, do hereby certify that on this 2nd day of October, 1998, a copy of the foregoing International Section 214 Application of Columbia Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a Xessa was mailed, first class postage prepaid, to the following:


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