

Categories of Services for 214 Applications
(Streamline/Non-streamline)

- ASSIGNMENT OF LICENSE
- GLOBAL FACILITIES-BASED SERVICE
- GLOBAL FACILITIES-BASED/GLOBAL RESALE SERVICE
- GLOBAL RESALE SERVICE
- INDIVIDUAL FACILITIES-BASED SERVICE
- INTERCONNECTED PRIVATE LINE RESALE SERVICE
- LIMITED GLOBAL FACILITIES-BASED SERVICE/LIMITED GLOBAL RESALE SERVICE
- LIMITED GLOBAL FACILITIES-BASED SERVICE
- LIMITED GLOBAL RESALE SERVICE
- INMARSAT AND MOBILE SATELLITE SERVICE
- SWITCHED RESALE SERVICE
- TRANSFER OF CONTROL
- SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE
- INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT

Description of Application: _____

Rules.¹ Wiretech further requests that it be regulated as non-dominant in the provision of all international telecommunications services.²

Authorizing Wiretech to provide global facilities-based and resale services would clearly serve the public interest. The Commission repeatedly has recognized that the entry of additional competitors into the international telecommunications market promotes competition and ensures that users have greater access to a wide variety of high-quality, affordable, and innovative telecommunications services.³ Granting Wiretech the authority requested in this application thus will “deliver tangible benefits to U.S. consumers, U.S. companies, and the world at large.”⁴

In further support of its application, Wiretech submits the following information required by Section 63.18 of the Commission’s Rules.

(a) Wiretech’s address and telephone number are:

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Reston, VA 20191

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¹ See 47 C.F.R. § 63.12(a).

² See 47 C.F.R. 63.10(a)(1)(“A U.S. carrier that has no affiliation with, and that itself is not, a foreign carrier in a particular country to which it provides service . . . shall presumptively be considered non-dominant for the provision of international communications services on that route.”) (emphasis added).

³ See *Rules and Policies on Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market*, IB Docket Nos. 97-142, 95-22 at ¶ 4 (rel. Nov. 26, 1997) (“*Foreign Participation Order*”); *Policy Statement on International Accounting Rate Reform*, 11 FCC Rcd 3146, 3147 (1996); *Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Entities*, 11 FCC Rcd 3873, 3933 (1995); *Regulation of International Accounting Rates*, Phase II First Report and Order, 7 FCC Rcd 559, 560 (1992).

⁴ *Foreign Participation Order* at ¶ 4.

(b) Wiretech is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Virginia.

(c) Correspondence concerning this application should be directed to:

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(d) Wiretech has not previously requested or received authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act.

(e)(1) Wiretech requests global authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) of the Commission's rules to provide all authorized telecommunications services, including callback, switched, private line, data, paging, and business services.

(e)(2) Wiretech further requests global authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(2) of the Commission's rules to provide all authorized telecommunications services, including callback, switched, private line, data, paging, and business services.

- (f) Wiretech is not requesting any authority under Section 63.18(e) of the Commission's rules that would render this application ineligible for streamlined processing.
- (g) This provision does not apply because Wiretech is not seeking authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(6) of the Commission's rules.

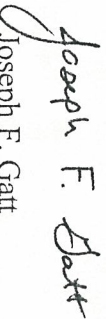
In accordance with the Commission's rules, Wiretech certifies that:

- (h)(1) it is not affiliated with any foreign carriers;
- (h)(2) all of the shares of Wiretech are owned by Joseph F. Gatt. Mr. Gatt is a U.S. citizen and resides at the following address: 46221 Trillum Square, Apt. 304, Sterling, Virginia 20165. Mr. Gatt's principal business is communications and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Pan-African network known as Afrilink as well as on the Boards of telecommunications carriers in the following countries: Burundi, Central African Republic ("CAR"), Côte D'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of Congo ("DRC"), Guinea, Madagascar, Zambia, Zimbabwe. Each of these non-dominant carriers is affiliated with Telecel International, which provides wireless communications services to business customers in Sub-Saharan Africa.
- (h)(3) it is not affiliated with any of the U.S. carriers whose facilities-based services it proposes to resell;
- (i) it has not agreed, and will not in the future agree, to accept any special concessions from any foreign carrier with respect to any international route where the foreign carrier has sufficient market power to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market; and
- (j) no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).
- (k) In accordance with Section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, Wiretech requests streamlined processing of this application. As noted above, Wiretech is not

affiliated with any foreign carriers and has not requested any authority that would render this application ineligible for streamlined processing.

For the foregoing reasons, Wiretech requests that the Commission grant the global authority requested in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 
Joseph F. Gatt
President
Wiretech Communications, Inc.

November 18, 1998