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- SWITCHED RESALE SERVICE
- TRANSFER OF CONTROL
- SUBMARINE CABLE LANDING LICENSE
- INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL PROJECT

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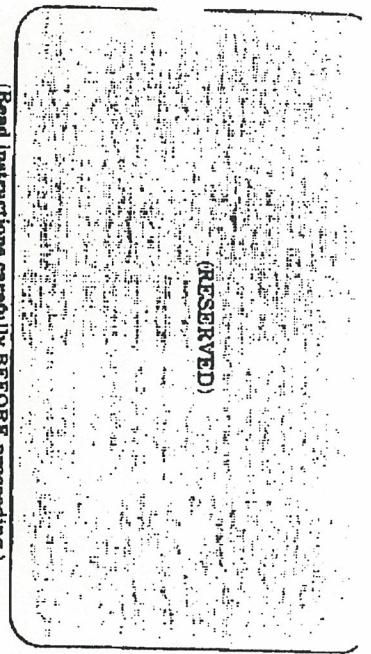
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Before the  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of

**ICE Group**

Application for Authority Under Section 214 )  
of the Communications Act of 1934, as )  
amended, to Provide Telecommunications )  
Services Between the United States and )  
Sierra Leone )

File No. I-T-C-98-

To: Chief International Bureau

**APPLICATION FOR SECTION 214 AUTHORITY**

ICE Group, hereby respectfully requests authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), 47 U.S.C. Section 214, and Section 63-18 of the Commission's Rules 47 C.F.R. Section 63.18, to provide global international facilities-based and resold basic switched and private line services for the carriage of customer traffic, including voice, facsimile, video, and data service, between the United States and Sierra Leone. The instant application meets the requirements of 47 C.F.R. Section 63.12 and thus is eligible for streamlined processing.

**I. INTRODUCTION**

ICE Group, headquarters in Washington, DC., currently operates no private line facilities and proposes to offer overseas lines initially to provide international private line services to customers by connecting through facilities acquired from other entities,

including common carriers and/or private entities on an Indefeasible Right of User ("IRU") and/or leased basis. Based on its review of the market for international services, ICE Group believes that sufficient demand exists for additional international private line offerings to the international points it proposes to serve to justify its entering into that business.

ICE Group believes that there is substantial potential for continued growth in the international private line, as well as the switched voice and data markets,<sup>1</sup> and that this expansion will be accelerated by additional competition by new entrants. Moreover, the Commission has determined that increased competition in the international market is in the public interest and, as a result, has routinely authorized new entrants upon making such findings.<sup>2</sup> The Commission has also found that increased competition through the resale of international switched voice service is also in the public interest.<sup>3</sup>

International private line services to overseas points are currently offered by a large number of other facilities-based and resale carriers. Existing international facilities and services are inadequate insofar as additional entry of international resale carriers will further stimulate demand and encourage more efficient service at lower cost. Absent a grant of the instant application, international telecommunications users will not be able to benefit from the increased service options and competitive prices which will be offered

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<sup>1</sup> ICE GROUP contemplates leasing capacity to entities that may provide switched international services.

<sup>2</sup> See e.g., *International Telecom, Inc.*, 6 FCC Rcd 1964 (1991) (citing *Teltec Savings Communications Co.*, FCC File No. I-T-C-86-062, Mimeo No. 3548, released Apr. 4, 1986, and cases cited therein).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Argo Communications International, Inc.*, 1 FCC Rcd 578 (1986) and *TDX Systems, Inc.*, FCC File No. I-T-C-86-108, Mimeo No. 6609, released Sept. 2, 1986.

by ICE Group . ICE Group will also be able to offer one-stop domestic and international shopping to its customers.

As stated above, ICE Group proposes to obtain the requisite capacity by leasing international private lines and/or purchasing IRU's from private and/or common carriers to provide quality international telecommunications services between the United States and international points. Such arrangements will be based on individual contract negotiations or tariffs as applicable to the entities from which the facilities will be obtained. ICE GROUP would compete with other carriers that already provide similar international telecommunications services to overseas points.

ICE GROUP believes that the added competition its entry would bring to the market will benefit the consumers of telecommunications services between the United States and international points. These benefits include competitive pricing and the increased availability of a variety of service options. The grant of this authorization will therefore further the public interest.

## II. SECTION 63.18 SHOWING

In support of ICE GROUP's request for authorization, the following information is submitted pursuant to Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules:

- (a) Name, address and telephone number of applicant:

ICE Group  
2737 Devonshire Pl., NW.  
Suite G  
Washington, DC, 20008  
Telephone: 202 588-1866

(b) ICE GROUP is a privately owned organization.

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

Richard P. Stevens  
ICE Group  
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Washington, DC, 20008  
Telephone: 202 588-1866

(d) ICE GROUP has no existing facilities nor has it previously received authorization under Section 214 to provide service between these or any other points. Pursuant to this application, ICE GROUP will operate as a non-dominant international common carrier subject to Section 214 of the Act.<sup>4</sup>

(e) ICE GROUP requests global resale and facilities-based Section 214 authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) and (2) of the Commission's rules.

(f) At this time, ICE GROUP seeks no other authorization available under Section 63.18(e).

(g) Not applicable.

(h) ICE GROUP certifies that it is not affiliated with any foreign or U.S. facilities-based carrier as that term is defined in Section 63.18(h)(1)(i) of the Commission's rules.

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<sup>4</sup> ICE GROUP may also provide non-common carrier services to some customers, based on individually negotiated long-term contracts not generally available to the public.

In support of this certification, ICE Group submits the following information of its ten Percent or greater direct and indirect shareholders or other equity holders.

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Citizenship</u>	<u>Principal Business</u>
Dr. Richard Stevens	100%	US Citizen	ICE Group

(i) ICE Group certifies that it has not agreed and will not agree in the future to accept any direct or indirect special concessions from a foreign carrier or administration with regards to traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign countries that ICE Group is authorized to serve.

(j) ICE Group certifies that no party to this application has been denied federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

### III. CONCLUSION

As demonstrated in this application, ICE Group is legally, financially and technically qualified to provide the services for which it requests authority. For the reasons stated above, applicant submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Section 214 application.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



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Date: November 3rd, 1998