

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

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

In the Matter of

BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

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Application for Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of  
The Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, To Provide  
Global International Facilities and Resale Services Between  
The United States and International Points

File No.: ITC-99-  
ITC-24-19990125-00035

APPLICATION OF BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY  
FOR SECTION 214 AUTHORITY

Blackstone Communications Company (hereafter, "Blackstone"), by its attorney, hereby respectfully requests authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Communications Act"), 47 USC §214, and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 CFR §63.18, to provide global international facilities and resale services between the United States and international points. The instant application meets the eligibility requirements of 47 CFR §63.12 for streamlined processing.

I. PREAMBLE

Blackstone is headquartered in Miami, Florida. The Company was organized to provide various telecommunications related services for its customers. At the present, the Company's primary telecommunications services offering is a calling card service which provides customers an ability to place calls, via an access number dialed by the customer, for billing against a prepaid account balance established by a customer. However, the Company may in the future offer other telecommunications services, including general "1+" and/or operator-assisted services. The Company's telecommunications services will be provided via resold and facilities-based telecommunications services/facilities throughout the United States and between the U.S. and international points. The rates, terms and conditions for all regulated telecommunications products offered by Blackstone will be described in tariffs filed by Blackstone to implement anticipated authority to be granted herein, and as may be amended from time to time.

Blackstone believes that significant demand exists for telecommunications products such as it plans to provide and that there is substantial potential for continued growth in the

international switched voice and data markets, where products covered by the requested authority will be offered. Moreover, the Commission has determined that increased competition in the international markets is in the public interest and, as a result, has routinely authorized new entrants.

Blackstone submits that the added competition its entry would bring to the market will clearly benefit the consumers of telecommunications services between the United States and other international points. These benefits will include not only competitive pricing, but also the increased availability of a variety of services and service options. Grant of this application will therefore further the public interest.

## II. SECTION 63.18 INFORMATION

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

(a) Name and address of applicant:

Blackstone Communications Company  
7900 Northwest 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33166  
Telephone: (305) 639-9590.

(b) Blackstone is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida.

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

Luis Arias  
President  
Blackstone Communications Company  
7900 Northwest 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Miami, Florida 33166  
Telephone: (305) 639-9590.

With a copy to:

Stephen J. Kolski, Jr.  
Catlin, Saxon, Tuttle & Evans, P.A.  
1700 Alfred I. duPont Building  
169 East Flagler Street  
Miami, Florida 33166  
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(d) Blackstone has not previously received authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act.



(e) Blackstone requests global facilities-based and resale Section 214 authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) and (e)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Blackstone will comply with the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1)(ii) and (e)(2)(ii) of the Rules.

(f) At this time, Blackstone seeks no other authorizations available under Section 63.18(e).

(g) Not applicable.

(h) Blackstone certifies that it has no affiliation with a foreign carrier as such terms are defined in 47 CFR §63.18(h)(1)(i) and (ii). In support hereof, Blackstone provides below the name, address, citizenship and principal business of its 10 percent or greater direct and indirect shareholders or other equity holder, and an identification any interlocking directorates:

Shareholder:

Blackstone Calling Card, Inc.

Percent Equity

Ownership:

100 percent

Address:

365 N.E. 132<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, Florida 33182

Citizenship:

A Florida Corporation

(i) Blackstone certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier with respect to any US international route where the foreign carrier possess sufficient market power on the foreign end of the route to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market and will not enter in such agreements in the future.

(j) Blackstone certifies pursuant to Section 1.2001 through 1.2003 of this chapter that no party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

(k) Blackstone desires streamline processing pursuant to Section 63.12. Blackstone qualifies for streamline processing because none of the conditions or circumstances specified in Section 63.12(c) are applicable to Blackstone.

III. CONCLUSION

Blackstone certifies that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of its knowledge and belief. As demonstrated in the foregoing responses, Blackstone is qualified to provide the international services for which it herein requests authority and it is eligible for streamlined processing. Blackstone submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this application. Thus, Blackstone respectfully requests that it be authorized to provide global international facilities and resale services between the United States and international points.

Dated: January 22, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

BLACKSTONE COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY

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January 29, 1999

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Fran Eisenstein  
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IB Telecommunications Division  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5115

Re: Blackstone Communications Company's Application for Section 214  
Authority.

Dear Ms. Eisenstein:

Please supplement the referenced Section 214 Application with the following information requested by you today. Specifically, Luis Arias, a U.S. Citizen, owns 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Blackstone Calling Card, Inc.

Please contact me with any additional requests for information.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Kolaski, Jr.  
Counsel for Blackstone Communications Company

SJK/nf  
Enclosures

cc: Blackstone Communicatins Company