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- 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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VIA COURIER

Federal Communications Commission
International Bureau Telecommunications Division
P. O. Box 358115
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Attention: Troy Tanner, Chief, Policy and Facilities Branch, International Bureau

Re: Application of Signal Core Communications, Inc. for Global Authority Pursuant
to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to Operate as
an International Facilities-based Carrier and as an International Resale Carrier

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and six (6) copies of the application of Signal Core Communications, Inc., requesting global authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to operate as an international facilities-based carrier and as an international resale carrier between the United States and various international points.

As required by the Commission's Rules, a check in the amount of \$780.00 is enclosed. Please date-stamp the extra copy of this application and return it in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. Any questions regarding the enclosed application should be addressed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamar E. Finn
Counsel for Signal Core Communications, Inc.

Enclosures

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

In the Matter of

SIGNAL CORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Application Pursuant to Section
214 of the Communications Act of 1934,
as amended, for Global Authority to Operate
as an International Facilities-based and
International Resale Carrier

File No. _____

APPLICATION

Signal Core Communications, Inc. ("Signal Core"), by its undersigned counsel, hereby requests "global" authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18 (1996), to provide international telecommunications services between the United States and international points (other than those excluded by the Exclusion List, where applicable). Grant of Signal Core's request will directly further the Commission's policies of bringing increased competition to the United States international telecommunications services market and is, therefore, in the public interest. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.12, this application is eligible for streamlined processing.

Information Required under Section 63.18

As required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, Signal Core submits the following information:

- (a) Name, address and telephone number:
- Signal Core Communications, Inc.
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New York, NY 10012
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(212)652-5065 (fax)

(b) Signal Core is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

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

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(d) Upon grant of this application, Signal Core will become an authorized non-dominant facilities-based carrier and reseller with global authority, subject to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Commission's Rules. Signal Core lacks the market power that would allow it to control prices to the detriment of market competition.

(e) Signal Core hereby requests four types of authority, all of which are eligible for streamlined processing.¹ Specifically Signal Core requests: (1) global facilities-

¹ See *Streamlining the International 214 Authorization Process and Tariff Requirements*, IB Docket No. 95-118, FCC 96-79 (released March 13, 1996) (adopting streamlined 35-day

based authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(1) of the FCC's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(1), to acquire interests in United States-authorized facilities as well as necessary connecting facilities to provide international telecommunications services between the United States and all international points except those countries excluded by the Exclusion List;² (2) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the FCC's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2), to resell the international switched services of all United States-authorized carriers, other than those affiliated carriers with market power on a particular route, to provide international switched services between the United States and all international points served by those carriers; (3) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the FCC's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2), to resell international private lines to provide international non-interconnected private line services between the United States and all international points; and (4) authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the FCC's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2), to resell international private lines interconnected to the public switched network ("PSN") at one or both ends to provide international switched services on all international routes on which the Commission permits such services to be provided.³

(f) Signal Core seeks authority to provide only services referenced under paragraph(e) of Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules.

(g) The authority requested in this application is categorically excluded from environmental processing as defined by Section 1.1306 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1306. As such, an environmental assessment is not required for purposes of this application and is therefore not attached.

processing procedures for certain international resale applications) ("*Streamlining Order*"; 47 C.F.R. § 63.12 (1996); *see also Rules and Policies on Foreign Market Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Market*, IB Docket 97-142, *Report and Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-398 at ¶¶ 21, 322-29 (rel. Nov. 27, 1997) ("*Foreign Market Participation Order*").

² Signal Core seeks only authority to own circuits on facilities not excluded by the Exclusion List.

³ The FCC will automatically amend all Section 214 authorizations to permit carriers to resell international private lines to provide international switched services between the United States and other countries as provision of such services becomes permitted by the Commission. *See Streamlining Order* at ¶ 34. *Cf. Foreign Market Participation Order* at ¶¶ 29-86 (declaring that, upon the effective date of the Commission's new rules, carriers reselling international private lines interconnected to the public switched network to provide international switched services between the U.S. and WTO Member countries will no longer have to meet the equivalency test if settlement rates for at least 50 percent of the U.S.-billed traffic on the route or routes in question are at or below the relevant benchmark posted in the Commission's *Benchmarks Order*). *Cf. also International Settlement Rates*, IB Docket 96-261, *Report and Order*, FCC 97-280 (rel. Aug. 18, 1997) ("*Benchmarks Order*").

(h) Signal Core certifies that it is not affiliated with any foreign carriers, within the meaning of Section 63.18(h), 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(h), of the Commission's rules. Signal also certifies that it is not affiliated, within the meaning of Section 63.18(h), 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(h), with any dominant U.S. carrier(s) whose facilities-based service(s) the applicant proposes to resell.

Signal Core does not have any interlocking directorates to report.

The following individuals and entities hold a ten percent (10%) or greater direct or indirect shareholder or other equity interest in Signal Core:

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Principal Business: Internet service provider

(i) Pursuant to Section 63.18(i) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(i), Signal Core certifies that it has not agreed to accept nor shall it accept in the future any special concessions, as defined by the Commission's Rules, directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign country which it is or may be authorized to serve.

(j) Signal Core is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. A certification pursuant to Section

1.2002 of the Commission's Rules (implementing the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 3301) is attached.

(k) Signal Core is not affiliated, as that term is defined by Part 63 of the Commission's Rules and the Commission's recent revisions of Part 63,⁴ with any dominant United States carriers whose international services it will resell; nor is Signal Core affiliated with any foreign carriers with market power. This application is, accordingly, eligible for streamlined processing.⁵

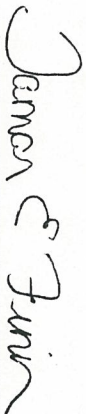
CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, Signal Core Communications, Inc. respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by a grant of this Section 214 application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: February 11, 1999

⁴ Market Entry and Regulation of Foreign-affiliated Entities, Report & Order, 11 FCC Rcd 3873 (1995).

⁵ See Streamlining Order, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12 (1996).

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

On behalf of Signal Core Communications, Inc., and in accordance with Section 1.2001-1.2003 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-1.2003, I hereby certify that no party to this application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits that includes FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988. See 21 U.S.C. § 853a. I also hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Application for Section 214 authority are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

Signal Core Communications, Inc. has not agreed to accept nor shall it accept in the future any special concessions, as defined by the Commission's Rules, directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows on any U.S. international route where the foreign carrier possesses sufficient market power on the foreign end of the route to affect competition adversely in the U.S. market.

SIGNAL CORE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By:



Name: Peter J. Georgianna

Title: Chief Operations Officer

Date: February 4, 1999