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

Description of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

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525 William Penn Way  
27<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 153-2713  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15259-0001

Attention: Wholesale Lockbox Shift Supervisor

FCC/MELLON

APR 29 1999

Re: Forte Communications, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of the Application for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to operate as an international resale carrier. Also, enclosed is FCC Form 159 and the requisite \$780.00 filing fee.

Please acknowledge receipt of this filing by date stamping and returning the additional copy of this cover letter in the stamped self-addressed envelope provided.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter. If you should require any additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



Benjamin W. Bronston

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Enclosures

cc: FCC Secretary - Via Overnight Delivery  
415 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554



FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
**FCC REMITTANCE ADVICE**

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**PAYOR INFORMATION**

(1) FCC ACCOUNT NUMBER Did you have a number prior to this? Enter it. (2) TOTAL AMOUNT PAID (dollars and cents)  
 \$ 780.00

(3) PAYOR NAME (If paying by credit card, enter name exactly as it appears on your card)  
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(4) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 1  
 3500 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD.

(5) STREET ADDRESS LINE NO. 2  
 SUITE 1442

(6) CITY STATE (8) ZIP CODE  
 METairie LA 70002

(9) DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include area code) (10) COUNTRY CODE (if not U.S.A.)  
 (504) 832-1984

**ITEM #1 INFORMATION**

(11A) NAME OF APPLICANT, LICENSEE, REGULATEE, OR DEBTOR FCC USE ONLY  
 FORTE COMMUNICATIONS, Inc.

(12A) FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID	(13A) ZIP CODE	(14A) PAYMENT TYPE CODE			(15A) QUANTITY	(16A) FEE DUE FOR PAYMENT TYPE CODE IN BLOCK 14
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(19A) ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 (20A) ADDRESS LINE NO. 2 (21A) CITY/STATE OR COUNTRY CODE

1028 HULL TERRACE EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

**ITEM #2 INFORMATION**

(11B) NAME OF APPLICANT, LICENSEE, REGULATEE, OR DEBTOR FCC USE ONLY

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(17B) FCC CODE 1 (18B) FCC CODE 2

(19B) ADDRESS LINE NO. 1 (20B) ADDRESS LINE NO. 2 (21B) CITY/STATE OR COUNTRY CODE

**CREDIT CARD PAYMENT INFORMATION**

(22) MASTERCARD/VISA ACCOUNT NUMBER:

Mastercard  VISA

EXPIRATION DATE:

Month Year

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE DATE

(23) I hereby authorize the FCC to charge my VISA or Mastercard for the service(s)/authorization(s) herein describe.

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

In the Matter of:

FORTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

APPLICATION OF AUTHORITY PURSUANT  
TO SECTION 214 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS  
ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED, FOR GLOBAL  
AUTHORITY TO OPERATE AS A GLOBAL  
FACILITIES-BASED CARRIER AND AS AN  
INTERNATIONAL RESALE CARRIER

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**Application**

Forte Communications, Inc. ("Forte" or "Applicant"), hereby requests authority, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. Section 214 (1982), and Section 63.18 of the Commissioner's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 63.18, to operate as a global facilities-based carrier and to provide global international resale services between the United States and international points.

**I. The Proposed International Services:**

Forte requests four (4) types of authority in this Application, all of which are eligible for streamlined processing. Specifically, Forte requests: (1) global facilities-based authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(1) ~~to acquire ownership interests in unaffiliated, U.S. licensed facilities to provide international telecommunications services between the United States and all international points;~~ (2) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) ~~to resell international, switched services of all authorized carriers 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)(A) to resell international private lines to provide international private line services between the United States and all international points, other than those requiring special authority because of their listing on the most recent exclusion list; and (4) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2)(B) to resell international, private lines interconnected to the public switched telephone network at one or both ends to provide international switched services between the United States and all countries found to offer equivalent resale opportunities to U.S. carriers.

Forte is hereby requesting: (a) facilities-based authority to obtain interests in U.S. authorized facilities, and connecting facilities not appearing on the Exclusion List; (b) authority to resell international private lines to provide international switched services between the United States and countries designated by the Commission as offering equivalent resale opportunities; and (c) authority to resell international private lines to private line services to countries not appearing on the Exclusion List.

Forte will report its acquisition of interest(s) in facilities, including earth stations, channels of communication to satellites, and submarine cables in its circuit addition/circuit status report files under Section 43.82 of the Commissions Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 43.82. Forte will also report its resale of international switched services and international private lines in its traffic reports filed pursuant to Section 43.61 of the Commission's Rules.

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 Forte.

**II. The Applicant:**

Forte is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois. Forte is privately held, and no Forte officer or director is an employee, agent or representative of a foreign telecommunications entity. Further, Forte has no foreign affiliations as defined in Part 63 of the Commission's Rules.

Forte has not previously received authority under Section 214 to provide any telecommunications services or operate any facilities which provide such services. Upon the grant of this Application, Forte will become an authorized non-dominant facilities-based carrier and international reseller subject to Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended, and the Commission's Rules.

**III. Public Interest Considerations:**

The Commission's publicly stated policy goals for regulation of the United States international telecommunications market is to promote effective competition in the United States telecommunications market, including the market for international services, to prevent anti-competitive conduct in the provision of international services or facilities and to encourage foreign governments to open their communications markets. The Commission has also moved to establish an effective global communications market that could result in reduced rates, increased quality and new services. The Commission has found that effective competition directly advances the public interests and the Commission's paramount goal of making available a rapid, efficient worldwide wire and radio communications service with adequate facilities at reasonable charges.



The grant of Forte's request for resale and facilities-based authority as described herein will further the Commission's policies of facilitating increased competition within the United States international telecommunications services market, and is therefore in the public interest.

**IV. Information Required Under Section 63.18:**

The following information is submitted, as required by Section 63.18 of the Commission's Rules, in support of Forte's request for authorization:

- (a) Name and address of Applicant:  
  
Forte Communications, Inc.  
1028 Hull Terrace  
Evanston, Illinois 60202  
Phone: (847) 733-8907
- (b) Applicant is a corporation which was organized under the laws of the State of Illinois.
- (c) Correspondence concerning this application should be sent to:  
  
Benjamin W. Bronston  
Nowalsky, Bronston & Gothard  
A Professional Limited Liability Company  
3500 N. Causeway Boulevard  
Suite 1442  
Metairie, Louisiana 70002  
Telephone: (504) 832-1984
- (d) Forte has not received authority previously under Section 214 of the Communications Act.
- (e) Forte requests: (1) global facilities-based authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(1) to acquire ownership interests in unaffiliated, U.S. licensed facilities, including but not limited to full and partial circuits in submarine

- transmission cables and channels of communication with U.S. owned satellite systems, to provide international telecommunications services between the United States and all international points; (2) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) to resell international switched services of all authorized common carriers, except carriers regulated as dominant on the route to be served, to provide international switched services between the United States and all international points; (3) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2)(A) to resell international private line services between the United States and all international points; and (4) global authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2)(B) to resell international private lines for the provision of international switched services between the United States and all countries that the Commission finds offer equivalent competitive opportunities to U.S. carriers.
- (f) At this time, Forte seeks no other authorization available under Section 63.18(e).
  - (g) Not applicable.
  - (h) Forte certifies that it is not affiliated, either directly or indirectly, with any foreign or U.S. facilities-based carrier whose services it proposes to resell. Should the substance of this certification cease to be accurate, Forte shall notify the Commission immediately of any such affiliation.
  - (i) In support of this certification, the name, address, citizenship and principal business of the ten percent or greater shareholders of Forte are as follows:



**Name**  
Tom Waterloo  
1028 Hull Terrace  
Evanston, Illinois 60202

**% Held**  
60%

**Citizenship**  
U.S.

**Principal Business**  
Telecommunications

(j) Forte 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 the Company is authorized to serve.

(k) Forte certifies that no party to this Application has been denied federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

**Conclusion:**

In conclusion, Forte certifies that all of the information in this application is accurate and correct.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated, Forte respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

Forte Communications, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Tom Waterloo, President  
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