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27th Floor, Room 153-2713
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15259-0001
Attention: Wholesale Lockbox Shift Supervisor

Re: **BG Telecom, LLC's International 214 Application** ("Application")

Dear Sirs:

We have enclosed for filing an original and six (6) copies of the above-captioned Application, along with an executed Form 159 and a check for the filing fee in the amount of Eight Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$815.00).

After filing, please return one (1) file-stamped copy of the Application to us in the enclosed envelope.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions and/or comments that you may have.

Very truly yours,
GERRY, FRIEND & SAPRONOV, LLP



Walt Sapronov

Enc.

cc: BG Telecom, LLC

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

In the Matter of:)
BG TELECOM, LLC'S)
Application for authority pursuant to)
Section 214 of the Communications Act of)
1934, as amended, to resell global)
international switched services of other)
common carriers to provide switched voice)
services from the contiguous United States,)
Hawaii, Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the)
U.S. Virgin Islands to international points)
FILE NO. _____

APPLICATION OF BG TELECOM, LLC

COMES NOW BG TELECOM, LLC (“Applicant”) by its undersigned attorneys, and hereby requests 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) to provide global, international switched resale services between the United States and international points, including but not limited to Nicaragua and other countries in Central America.

Applicant herein seeks authority to resell global, international switched telecommunications services between the United States and international locations, as specified above.

Applicant proposes to resell the global, international switched telecommunications services of international facilities-based carriers currently authorized to provide switched services between the United States and international locations. Applicant would thereby compete with these carriers, along with other resale carriers providing similar international switched telecommunications services.

Applicant submits that its entry into the international resale market will stimulate competition in the market for overseas telecommunications services, thereby benefiting domestic consumers through competitive pricing and additional sources of international telecommunications services. Accordingly, grant of Applicant’s international authorization will further the public’s interest.

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

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

BG Telecom, LLC
3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway
Suite 205
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
(770) 953-9400
- (b) Applicant is a limited liability company, organized under the laws of the State of Georgia.
- (c) Correspondence concerning this application should be sent to:

Walt Sapronov, Esq.
Gerry, Friend & Sapronov, LLP
Suite 1450
Three Ravinia Drive
Atlanta, GA 30346-2131
Tel: 770-399-9500
Fax: 770-395-0000

with a copy to:

- Mr. Guy Eargle
BG Telecom, LLC
3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway
Atlanta, Georgia 30339
Tel: 770-953-9400
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- (d) Applicant has not previously received authority under Section 214 of the Communications Act, as amended.
- (e) The authorization sought in this application is to operate as a resale carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2).
- (f) Applicant only seeks authority pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(2).

(g) Applicant is not currently seeking facilities-based authority pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(e)(6). Since no construction authorization is requested herein, the Commission's grant of Applicant's international authorization to provide the services described in this application are excluded from environmental processing under Section 1.1306 of the Commission's Rules. Should Applicant become a facilities-based carrier at a future date, it will amend its application accordingly.

(h) In support of this application, Applicant certifies that:

(1) Applicant is a Georgia limited liability company. Neither Applicant nor its members are employees, agents or representatives of a foreign telecommunications entity, nor are they affiliated with another telecommunications entity in the United States. No foreign telecommunications entity directly or indirectly owns more than twenty-five (25%) percent of Applicant.

(2) Applicant's principal business address is as follows: 3200 Cobb Galleria Parkway, Suite 205, Atlanta, Georgia, 30339.

(i) Applicant hereby certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions, directly or indirectly, from any foreign carrier or foreign administration with respect to telecommunications traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign country which Applicant may serve under the authority sought hereby. Applicant further certifies that it will not enter into such agreements in the future.

(j) Applicant hereby certifies that, pursuant to §§ 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's Rules, no party to this application is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

CONCLUSION

As demonstrated in this application, Applicant is legally qualified to provide the services for which it requests authority. For the reasons stated above, Applicant submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity will be furthered by the Commission's grant of this Section

214 application. The requested authorization should therefore be issued to Applicant for the purpose of providing global, international switched telecommunications resale services between the United States and international locations specified above.

Respectfully submitted this 31 day of October, 2000.

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CERTIFICATION

I 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.

BG TELECOM, LLC

By: 

Mr. J. Michael Gearon, Jr.
Member