

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

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FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.

ITC-214-20001027-00644

In the Matter of

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

Application for Authority
to Resell International Message
Telecommunications Service
as a Common Carrier

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APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY UNDER
SECTION 214 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. hereby requests, pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and Sections 63.18 (e) (2) and 63.12 of the Commission's Rules,¹ authority to resell international message telephone service ("IMTS") between points in the United States and various international points by reselling the services of unaffiliated carriers. Because Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. is not affiliated with a foreign carrier and is not affiliated with the U.S. facilities-based carriers whose international services it wishes to resell, Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.'s application should properly qualify for streamlined treatment under Section 63.12 of the Commission's Rules, unless formally opposed.²

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.'s entry into the international market will promote competition and stimulate more efficient use of telecommunications resources. Moreover, Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. is legally, financially, and technically qualified to provide the requested services. In support of Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.'s request for authorization, the following information is set forth in accordance with Section 63.18:

¹ See 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. §§ 63.18 (e) (2) and 63.12.

² 47 C.F.R. § 63.12.

(a) The name and address of the applicant is:

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
PO Box 346
209 Iowa
Fruitland, ID 83619

(b) Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. is incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho.

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

Jay Garrett, Manager
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.
PO Box 346
Fruitland, ID 83619
(208) 452-4241
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With a copy to applicant's consultant:

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1465 Kelly Johnson Blvd.
Suite 200
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(719) 266-4334
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(d) Applicant is not presently subject to Section 214 of the Act, but will become subject to Section 214 as a result of its proposed international service resale operations.

(e) The applicant is requesting authority to resell the international services of authorized U.S. common carriers for the provision of international basic switched, private line, data, television and business services to all international points. Thus, it is requesting authority to operate as a resale carrier pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 63.18(e)(2). At this time, the applicant is not seeking authority to operate as a facilities-based carrier.

Certifications

- (1) Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. hereby certifies that it is not owned by or affiliated with a foreign carrier for purposes of Section 63.18(h) of the Commission's Rules.³
- (2) In support of this certification Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. provides the following stockholder information:

- No shareholder has ten percent or greater ownership in Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

- 4) Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. hereby certifies that it is not affiliated with the U.S. carriers whose facilities-based services it proposes to resell.
- (5) Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. hereby certifies that no party to the application is subject to a denial of the Federal benefits requested herein pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.⁴
- (6) Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. hereby certifies that it has not agreed to accept special concessions directly or indirectly from any foreign carrier or administration with respect to traffic or revenue flows between the U.S. and any foreign country which it may serve under the authority granted under this part and will not enter into such agreements in the future.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 63.18(h).

⁴ 21 U.S.C. § 853 (a).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. respectfully submits that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be served by a grant of the Section 214 application sought, and therefore requests that such authorization be issued to Farmers Mutual Telephone Co. for purposes of reselling IMTS between points in the United States and various international points.

Respectfully submitted,

Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

By: 
Jay Garrett
Manager
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co.

Dated: October 3, 2000