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Re: Telecom Argentina USA, Inc.—Section 214 Application

Dear Mr. Li:

This letter supplements the information provided in Telecom Argentina USA, Inc.'s Section 214 application filed on January 29, 2001. The information submitted with respect to greater than 10% ownership (47 C.F.R. § 63.18(h)) should also reflect an indirect ownership by the French government. The French government presently owns 55.1% of France Telecom, so that it indirectly owns more than 10% of Telecom Argentina USA, Inc. (14.9% if a multiplier is used, or 27% if no multiplier is used). We do not believe, however, that this ownership is decisionally significant. As reflected in the application, Telecom Argentina USA, Inc. will only provide service to France via the resale of the services of an independent carrier. In addition, France is a WTO member nation. Thus, this indirect foreign government ownership does not raise any national security or competitive concerns. Please let me know if you need any additional information. Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this application.

Sincerely,


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