Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Division
Washington, D.C. 20554 International Bureau

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In the Matter of Application of SONERA CORPORATION U.S. for authority pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for global authority to operate as an international facilities-based and resale carrier

Streamlined ITC-214-20010316-00155 SONERA CORPORATION U.S.

APPLICATION FOR SECTION 214 AUTHORITY

under Sections 63.18 (e)(1) and (2) of the Commission's Rules and resale services between the United States and various international points, as permitted the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. Section 63.18, to provide global international facilities-based Sonera Corporation U.S. ("Sonera US") 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

I. BACKGROUND

- services throughout the United States customers, including other telecommunications carriers, with international telecommunications Sonera Corporation, a Finnish limited liability company. Sonera US expects to serve certain activities, international telecommunications services. Sonera US is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sonera US is a State of Delaware corporation organized to provide, among other
- 2. and necessity by promoting competition in the international services market. Competition will By granting this application, the Commission will serve the public interest, convenience

authority to Sonera US lowering prices. Thus, the public interest will be served by the grant of the requested Section 214 benefit U.S. users of international telecommunications services by increasing service options and

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.18 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES

- S Commission's Rules, in support of the Sonera US request for Section 214 authority. The following information ıs. submitted, as required प्रु Section 63.18 of the
- (a) Sonera Corporation U.S. 890 Winter Street Suite 310 Waltham, MA 02451 (781) 839-7100
- **(b)** Sonera US is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.
- (0) Correspondence concerning this application should be sent to:

Mr. Ralph Kirkpatrick, Director Sonera Corporation U.S. 5219 Baltimore Ave. Bethesda, Maryland 20816 (301) 792-6854

and

Mr. Olli Tuohimaa, General Counsel Sonera Corporation U.S. 2550 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 (202) 466-3270

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- (b) Sonera US has not received authority previously under Section 214 of the Communications Act
- (e) conditions of Section 63.18(e)(1) and (e)(2) of the Commission's Rules. Sonera US will Sonera US requests global facilities-based and resale authority pursuant to the terms and

comply with the terms and conditions contained in Sections 63.21 through 63.23 of the Commission's Rules as they relate to such authority.

- \oplus At this time, Sonera US seeks no other authorization available under Section 63.18(e).
- (g) Not applicable.
- **(**E) indirectly control ten percent (10%) or more of Sonera US are as follows: The names, addresses, citizenship and principal business of the entities which directly or

Direct Ownership

(1) Owner's Name: Sonera Corporation

Address: Teollisuuskatu 15 P.O. Box 106, 00051 Sonera, Finland +358 2040 1

Citizenship: Finnish Limited Liability Company

Principal Business: Telecommunications Services Provider

Direct Ownership Interest: 100% of Sonera US

Interlocking Directorates With Applicant: Mr. Aimo Olkkonen, a member of the

Board of Directors of Sonera US, is also a Senior Vice President of Sonera

Corporation

Indirect Ownership

(2) Owner's Name: Government of Finland

Address: Ministry of Transport and Communications Et elaesplandi 16 00130 Helsinki Finland

Citizenship: Finland

Principal Business: Government of Finland

Indirect Ownership Interest: 52.8% through ownership of Sonera Corporation

- \odot operational telecommunications services in Germany; however, these German licenses are not yet telecommunications service provider in Turkey and (2) in 3G, which has been selected as than 25%, but non-controlling, ownership interest (1) in Turkcell, a mobile wireless Lietuvas Telekomas, which provides similar services in Lithuania. Sonera holds a greater facilities-based provider of wireline telecommunications services in Latvia and (2) in holds a greater than 25%, but non-controlling, ownership interest (1) in Lattelekom, a provides facilities-based wireline and wireless service in Finland. Sonera Corporation also Sonera US is an affiliate of a foreign facilities-based carrier, Sonera Corporation, which winning bidder for certain licenses to provide third generation mobile wireless
- 9 Finland, where its parent entity, Sonera Corporation is a foreign carrier. Sonera US does seek authority to provide international telecommunications services to
- K at p. 7 (¶15). Application of DiGiPH PCS, Inc., DA-00-2757, WTB/IB, released December 13, 2000, Sonera US certifies that Finland is a member of the World Trade Organization. See <u>In re</u>
- (l) Not applicable.
- (E) international telecommunications services to Finland, Germany and Turkey, each of Sonera US desires to be regulated as a non-dominant carrier for the provision of which is a WTO Member.
- Ξ Finland (\$.104) is international simple resale to Finland and the current international settlement rate for Finland, 12 FCC Rcd 17648, 17654 (¶17) (IB 1997). The Commission has authorized restrictions on foreign investment in telecommunications enterprises in Finland. Telecom Sonera US notes that the well below the Commission has previously determined that there FCC benchmark rate for that country (\$.105). no

1999. subscriber access lines in Finland. According to the Ministry, Sonera Corporation's share including AT&T, Concert and MCI. Finland on all routes would bring Sonera Corporation's below 50% of total international call minutes of total international call minutes in Finland shrank from 55.7% in 1998 Ministry show that Sonera Corporation has only 27.1% of the total fixed telephone Ministry, there are different wireline telecommunications service providers in Finland. According to the According to the Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications, there are some 49 The statistics for 2000 are not yet available, but a similar percentage reduction 25 different providers of international network services in Finland, The latest available statistics compiled by the to 51.5%

- 2 carriers. Sonera Corporation's wireless affiliates do not have a 50% percent market share Sonera Corporation's interests in Germany and Turkey are in wireless mobile carriers. Germany, Sonera Corporation holds only an interest in a non-operating licensee at this in the 1700 telecommunications service providers in the German market including wireless GSM operators licensed, with a fourth license awaiting to be awarded. There are some Both of the wireless markets in these countries are competitive. In Turkey there are three international transport and local access markets in those countries. Indeed, in
- (<u>t</u>) direct or indirect special concessions from any foreign carrier or administration with Sonera US certifies that it has not agreed and will not agree in the future to accept any that Sonera is authorized to serve, including Finland regards to traffic or revenue flows between the United States and any foreign countries
- 0 subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Sonera US certifies, pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's Rules. Complimenting the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 3301), that it is not

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(b) respect to Latvia and Lithuania.1 processing pursuant to Section 63.12(c)(1)(iii) with respect to Germany and Turkey. Sonera US desires streamlined processing pursuant to Section 63.12 of the Commission's Sonera US Commission's Rules with respect to Finland. Sonera US Rules. Sonera US qualifies for such processing pursuant to Section 63.12(c)(1)(ii) of the qualifies for such processing with respect to Section 63.12(c)(1)(v) with qualifies for streamlined

III. CONCLUSION

services requested Corporation US respectfully request that the Commission grant this application to provide the accurate and correct to the In conclusion, Sonera Corporation US certifies that all of the information in this application is best of its knowledge and belief. For these reasons, Sonera

Respectfully submitted,

SONERA CORPORATION U.S

By:

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Date: March 16, 2001

¹According to the WTO, Lithuania is currently an Observor Government but has completed negotiations to become a full WTO member and has committed to implement all obligatory WTO agreements without any transaction period. Accession to full WTO Membership is expected by May 1, 2001.

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