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NON-STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING Section 214 Application (47 C.F.R. § 63.18)

Unless otherwise specified, the following procedures apply to the applications listed below:

The application listed below has been found, upon initial review, to be acceptable for filing. This application is not subject to the streamlined processing procedures set forth in section 63.12 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.12. This application shall not be deemed granted until the Commission affirmatively acts upon the application. Operation for which authorization is sought may not commence except in accordance with any terms or conditions imposed by the Commission.

Interested parties may file comments with respect to this application within **14 days** of the date of this public notice, and Applicants may file replies within **7 days** thereafter. We request that such comments and replies refer to the application file number shown below. *Ex parte* communications between outside parties and Commission staff concerning this application is permitted subject to the Commission's rules for the "permit-but-disclose proceedings." See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206.

Copies of the application listed here are available for public inspection in the FCC Office of Public Affairs Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The center can be contacted at (202) 418-0270. The application listed is subject to further consideration and review, and may be returned and/or dismissed if not found to be in accordance with the Commission's rules, regulations, and other requirements.

ITC-214-20030123-00026 Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc.

International Telecommunications Certificate

Services: Global International Facilities-Based and Resale Services

Application for authority to provide service in accordance with the provisions of section 63.18(e)(1)-(3) of the Commission's rules, specifically: (1) authority to provide global international facilities-based and resale services between all points in the state of Michigan and all permissible foreign points; and (2) authority to provide global international facilities-based and resale services between all points in the state of Michigan and resale services between all points in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin and all permissible foreign points, at such time as SBC Communications Inc. (SBC Communications) receives authority to provide in-region, interLATA service for each of these states pursuant to section 271 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 271. *See 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Amendment of Parts 43 and 63 of the Commission's Rules*, Report and Order, IB Docket No. 00-231, FCC 02-154, 17 FCC Rcd 11416 (2002). Pursuant to section 63.10 of the Commission's rules, Applicant requests non-dominant regulatory treatment for all routes except the U.S.-Belgium route, the U.S.-Denmark route, and the U.S.-South Africa route.

This application covers traffic originating in the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, which are "in-region" states of SBC Communications. The applicant, Southwestern Bell Communications Services, Inc. (SBCS) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBC Communications. SBCS requests grant of this application at the same time as the Commission grants SBC Communications' pending application to provide in-region, interLATA service in the state of Michigan under section 271 of the Act.

Commenters should limit their comments in this proceeding to issues specific to the request of SBCS for authorization under section 214 to provide international service. Issues related to whether SBC Communications has met the criteria under section 271 for entry into interLATA services in the state of Michigan will be addressed in the context of the pending section 271 application for that state. *See* Comments Requested on the Application by SBC Communications Inc. for Authorization under section 271 of the Communications Act to Provide In-region, InterLATA Service in the State of Michigan, WC Docket No. 03-16, Public Notice, DA 03-156 (rel. January 16, 2003). Similarly, issues related to whether SBC Communications meets the criteria under section 271 for entry into interLATA services in its remaining in-region states would be addressed at such time as SBC Communications files a section 271 application for these states. SBCS acknowledges that grant of its request for authority to provide international services from these remaining in-region states would be conditioned such that it would be effective for each state only at such time as SBC Communications receives section 271 authority for that state.

REMINDER

Applicant must certify that neither the applicant nor any party to the application is subject to a denial of federal benefits by federal and/or state courts under authority granted in 21 U.S.C. § 862. See 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.2001-.2003. The Commission most recently amended its rules applicable to international telecommunications common carriers in *2000 Biennial Regulatory Review, Amendment of Parts 43 and 63 of the Commission's Rules,* Report and Order, IB Docket No. 00-231, FCC 02-154, 17 FCC Rcd 11416 (2002). An updated version of Section 63.09-63.24 of the rules, and other related sections, is available at http://www.fcc.gov/ib/td/pf/telecomrules.html.

For additional information concerning this matter, contact Cynthia Bryant, Policy Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-8164, TTY (202) 418-2555.