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By E-File

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW, Room TW-B204
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ITC-214-20160719-00191, OKROUTE, Inc.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”), with the concurrence of the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (collectively “the Agencies”), requests that the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) dismiss the above-referenced application. The Agencies currently are reviewing this matter for national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues. However, the applicant, OKROUTE, Inc. (“OK” or “Applicant”) has indicated through its counsel that it will no longer cooperate with Team Telecom’s review efforts.

On July 19, 2016, OK filed an application with the Commission seeking authority pursuant to section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for Global or Limited Resale Authority. DOJ filed a request for a deferral on August 16, 2016. On August 17, 2016, DOJ sent the Applicant a set of fact-finding questions and requested a response no later than September 9, 2016. Through counsel, the Applicant requested additional time to respond to the questions until September 23, 2016. From September 23, 2016, through October 25, 2017, member agencies of Team Telecom engaged in fact-finding and deliberations in an effort to resolve outstanding law enforcement and/or national security concerns.

On October 10, 2017, DOJ sent a proposed letter agreement to counsel for OK, Mr. Lance J.M. Steinhart, and an employee of Mr. Steinhart’s office, Ms. Kali Reeves. On December 6, 2017, Ms. Reeves notified DOJ via electronic mail that, “Okroute does not want to move forward but has not authorized us to withdraw,” adding, “Please forward us a copy of the dismissal when issued.” Ms. Reeves also wrote in reference to OK, “They advised us that they did not want to respond. We countered by asking if they wanted us to withdraw the Application. We have not received a response as of today.” See Attachment A, Email Correspondence.

On December 6, 2017, DOJ notified the other Team Telecom agencies about its

correspondence with the Applicant. On February 22, 2018, DOJ confirmed via electronic mail to Ms. Reeves and Mr. Steinhart that the Applicant had not responded to its counsel regarding the application. *Id.* Ms. Reeves replied that she and Mr. Steinhart had not had any further communications with the Applicant. *Id.*

At this time, DOJ requests that the Commission dismiss OK's application.

Sincerely,

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