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Response to item 10:

Attachment 1
Application for Special Temporary Authority

Pursuant to Section 63.25 of the Commission's rules, Southern Illinois RSA Partnership d/b/a First Cellular of Southern Illinois ("First Cellular"), a Cellular Radiotelephone Service licensee that provides commercial mobile wireless service in Illinois RSA 8 - Washington, and Illinois RSA 9 - Clay, hereby respectfully requests special temporary authority ("STA") to continue the provision of international telecommunications service on a resale basis while First Cellular awaits action by the International Bureau on an application for Section 214 authority to provide international resold services. That application is to be filed at approximately the same time as the instant STA request. STA is requested for a period of up to ninety (90) days from Commission action on this request while the Commission processes the First Cellular application for ongoing Section 214 authorization.

A grant of STA will permit First Cellular to continue to provide service to customers who desire to place calls to international points. The need for a wireless carrier to apply for and obtain Section 214 authorization to provide resold international service was not recognized by First Cellular until a few days ago.

First Cellular has taken steps to assure future compliance with all Commission rules. First Cellular's management has consulted with new telecommunications counsel and there has been discussion of filing obligations applicable to a provider of commercial wireless services. The Commission's files reflect a record of compliance by First Cellular with the Commission's rules. When First Cellular learned of its oversight as to its provision of resold international service the company's management directed telecommunications counsel to pursue all appropriate measures to request interim and ongoing Section 214 authorization for its practice of allowing customers to place international calls.

A grant of STA will further the public interest by avoiding a discontinuance of service to customers while the Commission considers whether the public interest would be served by grant of First Cellular's application for Section 214 authorization. Customers depend upon First Cellular's wireless service to place and receive calls from both domestic and international points, and any interruption of that service would deprive customers of the capability to communicate in a timely manner with persons in other countries. Safety of life and property is always a consideration when there is an inability to communicate promptly.

The parties acknowledge that grant of the requested STA will not prejudice any action the Commission may take on the underlying application seeking Commission grant of Section 214 authority, or on an application First Cellular plans to file for consent to a transfer of control of Section 214 authorization to the prospective purchaser of a

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