

REASONS FOR REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

This is a request for Special Temporary Authority ("STA"), submitted pursuant to Section 63.25 of the Commission's rules, seeking temporary authority to allow Epicus Communications Group, Inc. ("ECG") to continue to resell international telecommunications services pending Commission action on an application seeking Commission approval of a transfer of control of Epicus, Inc. ("Epicus") and ECG (the "Transfer Application") that occurred in December 2005. This request is filed on behalf of ECG, as well as on behalf of Epicus. Epicus (f/k/a Telephone Company of Central Florida, Inc.) is the holder of International 214 Authorization ITC-214-20020214-00056 (the "214 Authorization"). The circumstances surrounding the transfer of control are fully set forth in the Transfer Application. ECG respectfully requests 180 days temporary authority while the Transfer Application is pending.

A Grant of Special Temporary Authority Will Serve The Public Interest. This STA has been filed at the direction of the Commission staff to accompany the filing of the Transfer Application. Grant of the STA is needed to allow ECG to continue to operate its telecommunications network pending Commission action on the Transfer Application. The International 214 Authorization licenses Epicus to provide Individual Switched Resale Service between the United States and foreign points. The special temporary authority will allow an existing competitive local exchange carrier to continue to provide international service, thus, maintaining service for its customers and maintaining increased competition in the market. As such, the public interest will be served by granting this STA request to allow uninterrupted provision of ECG's services. In further support of this request, the Commission is respectfully requested to consider that ECG has acted in good faith to rectify its failure to request prior approval of the transfer of the control, admitting its failure to comply with Commission rules, and seeking approval of the transfer.

Steps Taken by ECG to Ensure Future Compliance With FCC Rules. ECG has taken steps to ensure future compliance with Commission rules. Upon realizing, in December 2005, that inadvertent oversight had resulted in its failure to obtain timely FCC approval of the transfer of control, ECG promptly filed the Transfer Application. ECG has retained Bryan Cave LLP as counsel to assist in the immediate filing of the Transfer Application and this STA request. To ensure future compliance with FCC rules, ECG will consult with counsel on a regular basis as necessary to remain advised and up to date on Commission regulatory requirements affecting its operations. In addition, ECG will maintain a current copy of Part 63 of the Commission's rules at its headquarters in Lake Mary, Florida.

Requested Duration for Special Temporary Authority. ECG requests 180 days temporary authority while the Transfer Application is pending. ECG seeks the 180 days temporary authority to ensure sufficient time for the review and for completion of the processing of the Transfer Application.

Acknowledgment. ECG hereby acknowledges that the grant of this STA request will not prejudice any action the Commission may take on the underlying application seeking Commission consent to transfer of control. The parties further acknowledge that this STA can be revoked by the Commission upon its own motion without a hearing.

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