REQUEST FOR SPECIAL TEMPORARY AUTHORITY

Lancaster Telephone Company ("LTC"), pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and Section 63.25 of the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission"), seeks special temporary authority ("STA"), effective immediately, to provide international telecommunications services on a resale basis to all international points, pending the issuance of permanent Section 214 authority pursuant to Section 63.18(e)(2) of the rules. For the reasons set-forth below, prompt Commission approval of the requested STA is consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity.

LTC is a South Carolina corporation with headquarters at 330 East Black Street, Rock Hill, SC, 29730. LTC provides local exchange and exchange access services in Lancaster County, South Carolina, and also provides mobile wireless services to subscribers through an arrangement with AT&T Mobility.

While conducting due diligence in connection with a prospective transaction, LTC recently discovered that although various affiliates of LTC hold international Section 214 authority and provide resold international services to wireline customers, LTC itself did not hold international Section 214 authority to provide resold international services to wireless customers. LTC concurrently herewith has submitted an application seeking Section 214 global resale authority pursuant to rule Section 63.18(e)(2). LTC seeks STA in order to continue to provide service to its mobile wireless customers without interruption or reduction in service. LTC acknowledges that grant of its request for STA will not prejudice action by the Commission, or other reviewing agencies, on the underlying Section 214 application. LTC also acknowledges that any authority granted pursuant to this request is subject to cancellation or modification upon notice, but without a hearing.

Commission approval of this STA request will serve the public interest by allowing LTC to continue providing resold international telecommunications services to its mobile wireless customers pending Commission action on the above-referenced application for permanent international Section 214 authority. Without an STA, services to LTC's mobile wireless customers will be disrupted. There is no competing public interest that would outweigh this loss of service.

For the foregoing reasons, LTC respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously grant the requested STA.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 214; 47 C.F.R. § 63.25.